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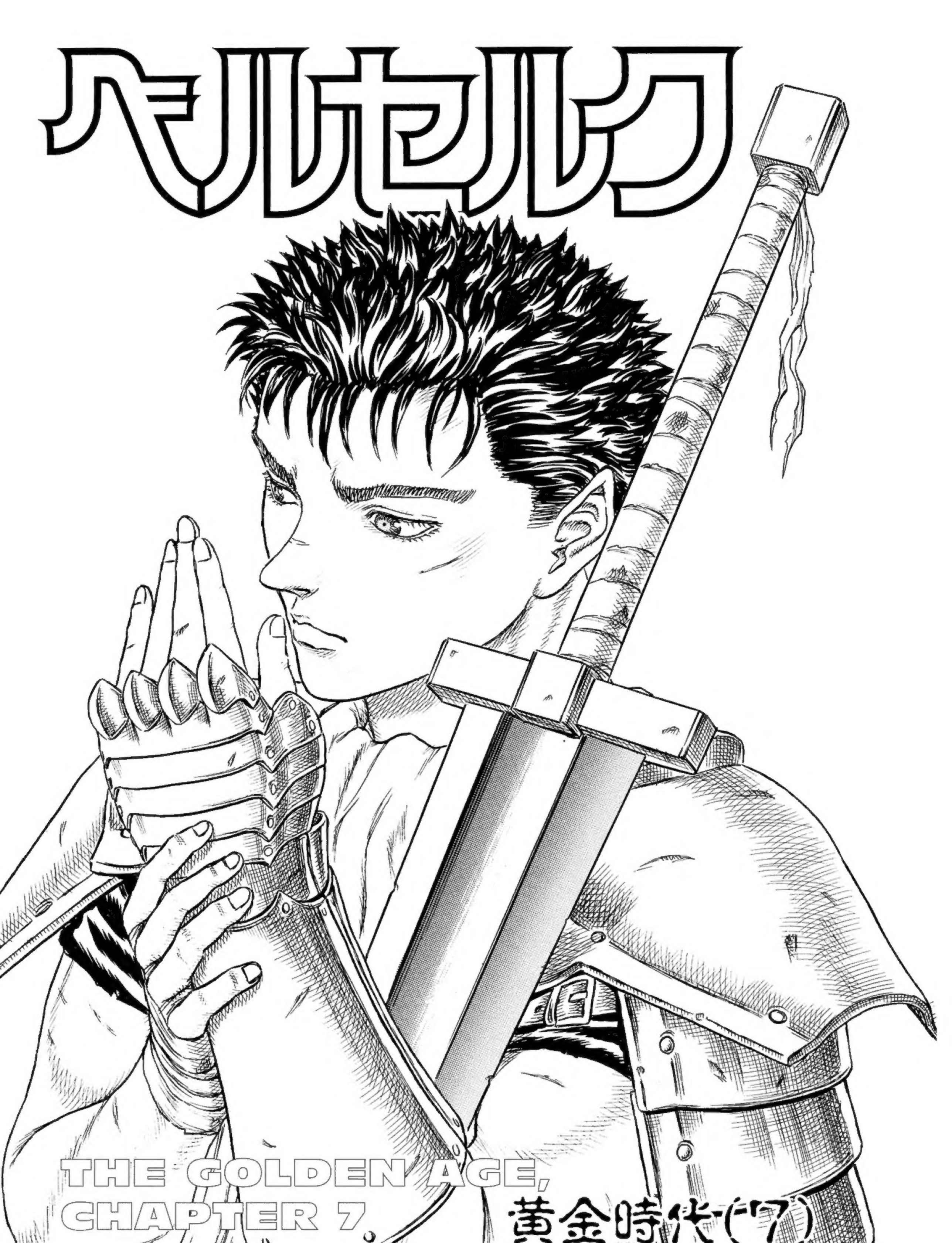
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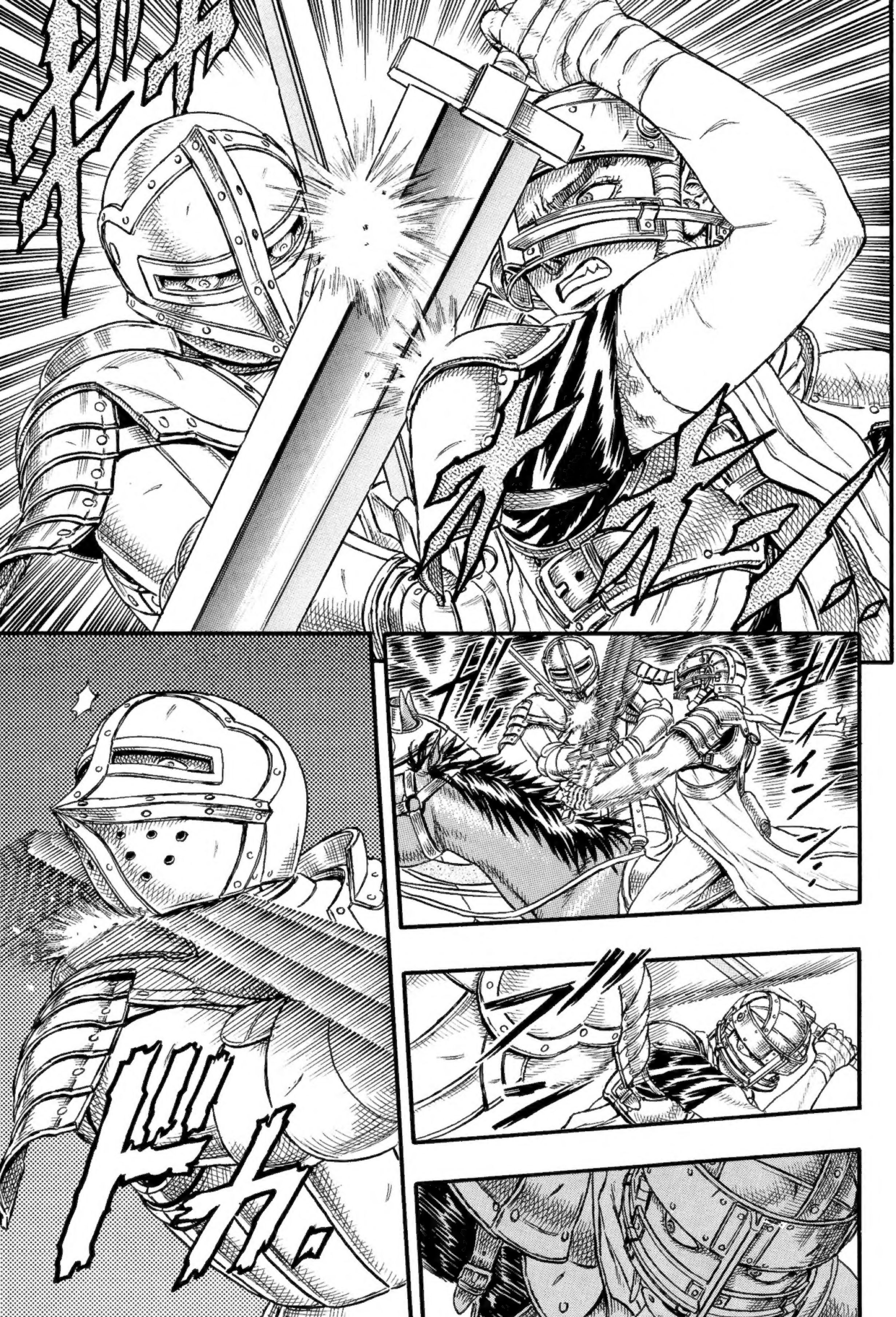
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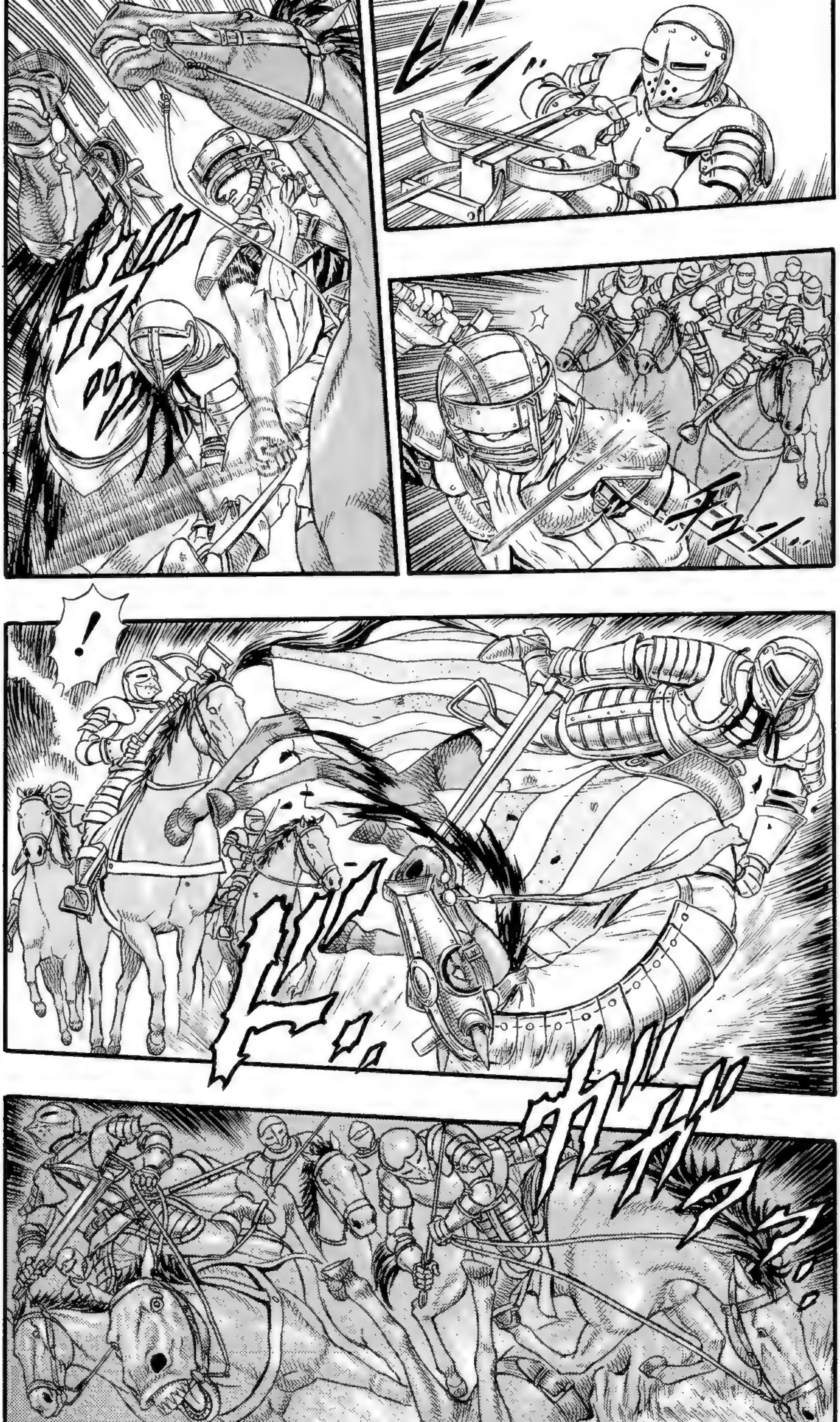


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THAT'S IT.....

GET OUTTA HERE!!

O... OKAY!!

COME AND GET ME!!

FFFF


AHH!!
GRIFFITH?
!


WELL DONE, GRIF-FITH!!
AHH!! SUC-CESS!!


EH?
WITH THIS, UNTIL REINFORCEMENTS ARRIVE IN A MONTH.....

....
....

WHAT OF OUR LOSSES?

DOESN'T LOOK *TOO* BAD.

FLU FLU FLU FLU

....
....

ON A STRAIGHT FOREST PATH, SO MANY OPPONENTS AT ONCE... NOW *THAT'S* BALLSY.

THAT NEW GUY'S DOING *BETTER* THAN I *THOUGHT!* THE REAR GUARD'S HOLDING OUT **SO** WELL, THE ENEMY DOESN'T SEEM TO HAVE MUCH OF A CHANCE TO SNAP AT OUR BEHIND!

DUNNO.....I LOST SIGHT OF HIM. THE BATTLE LINE GOT TOO STRETCHED OUT...

WHERE IS HE?

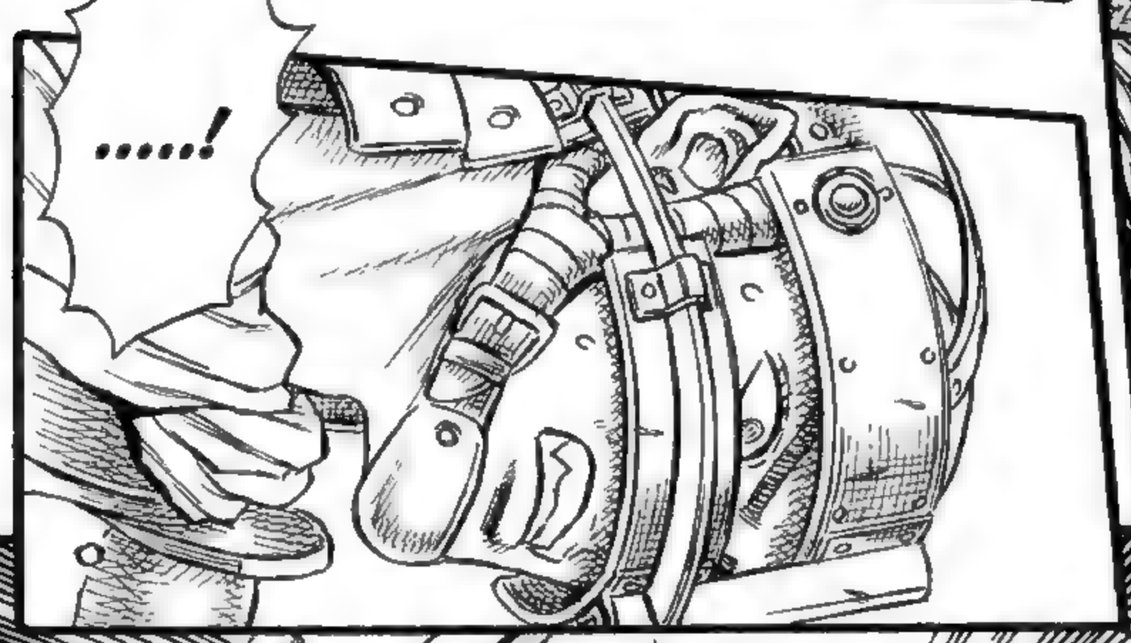
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HOPEFULLY HE DIDN'T BUY IT, THOUGH.

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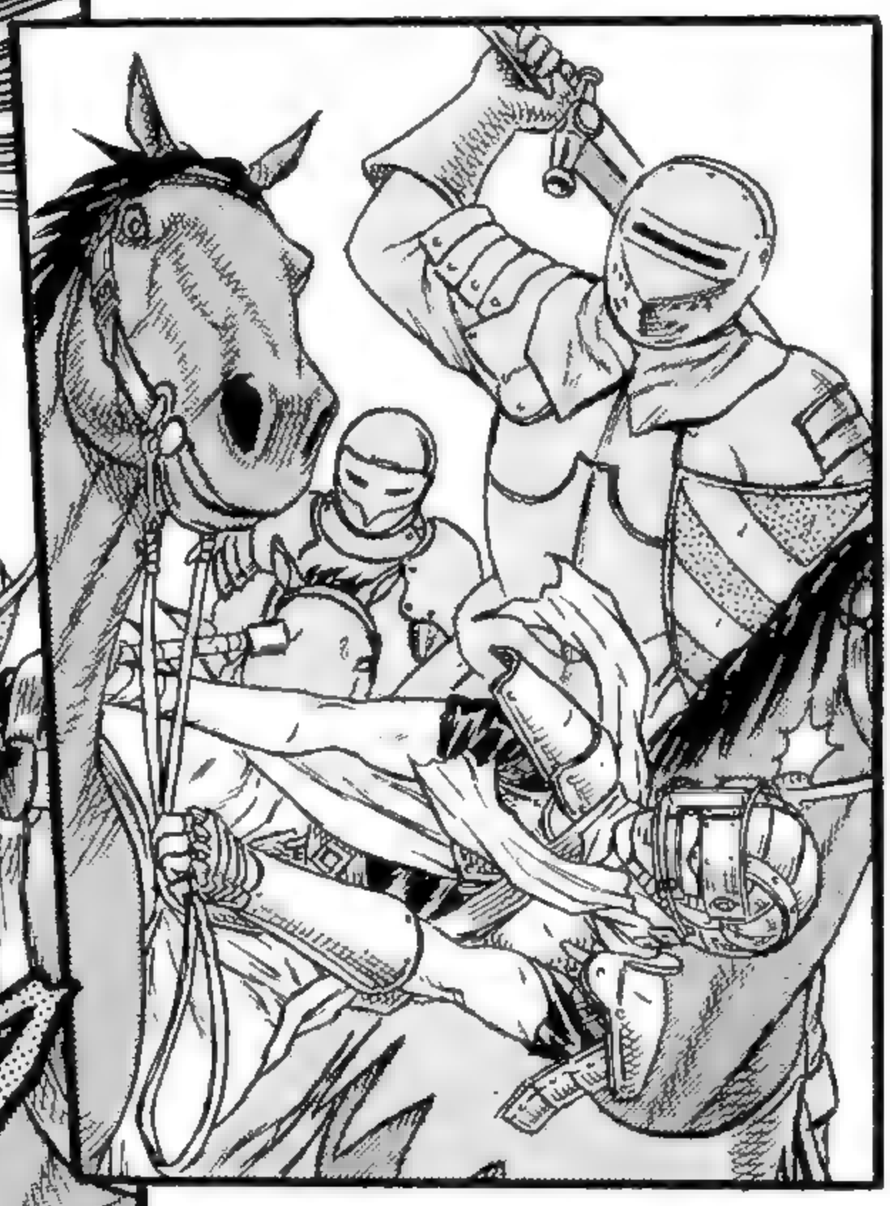
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OH,
CRAP.....!

DAMN!! THEY GOT ME!!

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....!!

GRIFFITH
?!

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..!!

GRAB HOLD!!

KI-KI-KI-KI

LET'S GO!!

HAHH!!

D... DON'T LET THEM FLEE!!

....

....

WHY'D YOU COME BACK?!

DON'T SPEAK!!

YOU'LL BITE YOUR TONGUE!!

RIDING DOUBLE ...

THIS'S HOPE-LESS.

JUST A LITTLE *MORE!!*

?!

THEY'RE CATCH-ING UP!!

...AND THE FOREST ENDS!!

A LITTLE FARTHER ...

WE'RE OUT!!

SCATTER!!

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...FIRE!









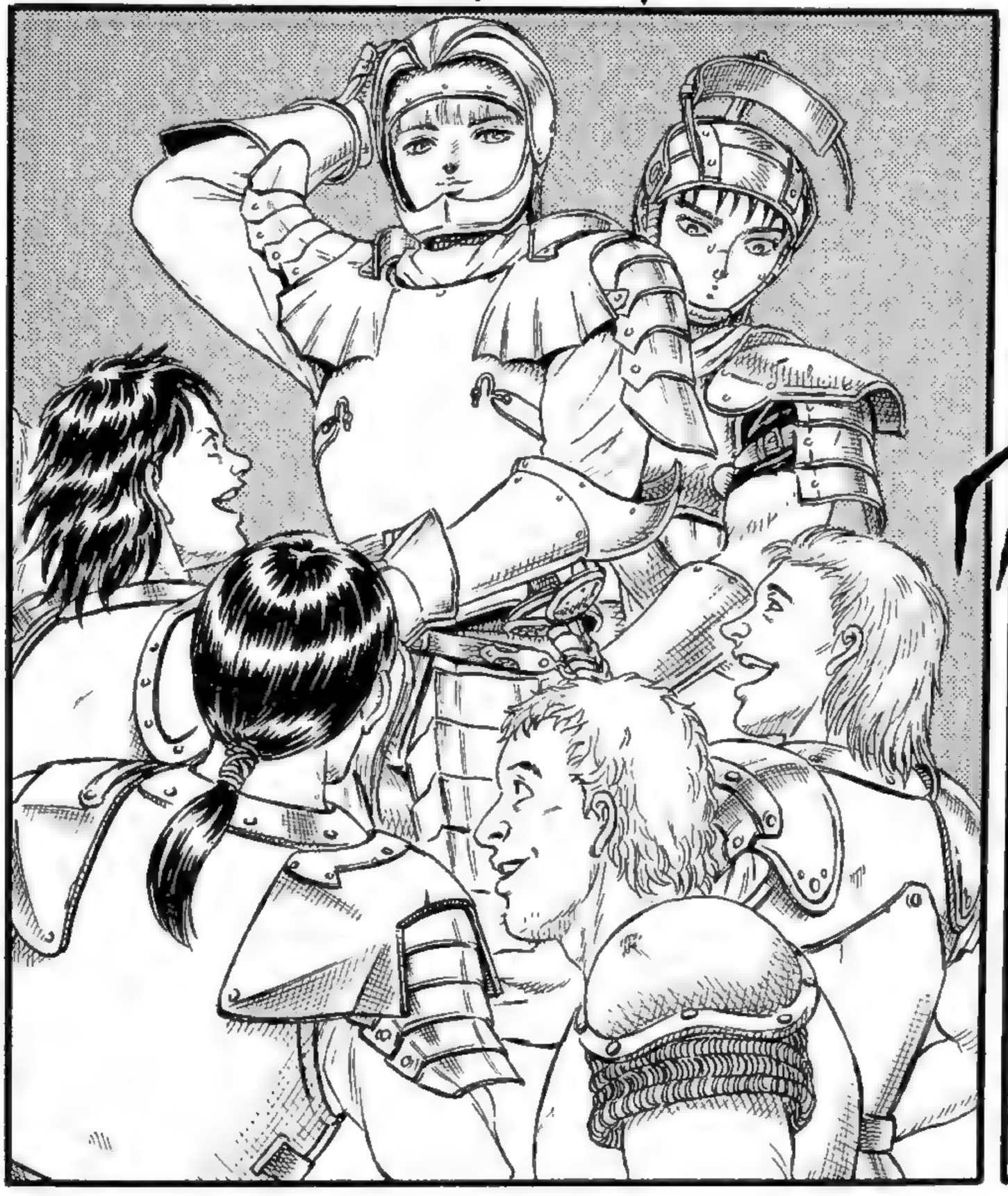
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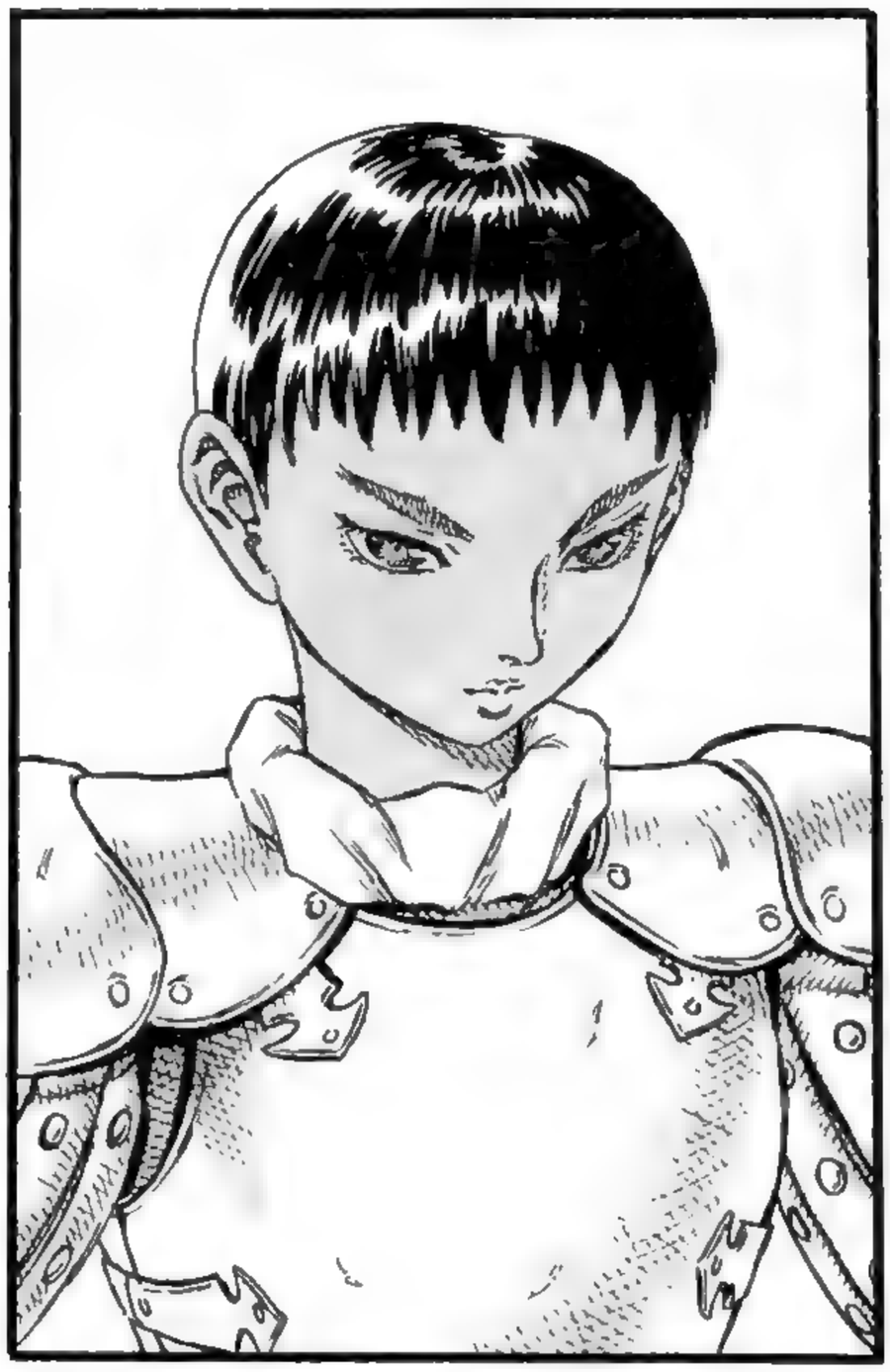
RETREAT!! RE-TREEEAT!!

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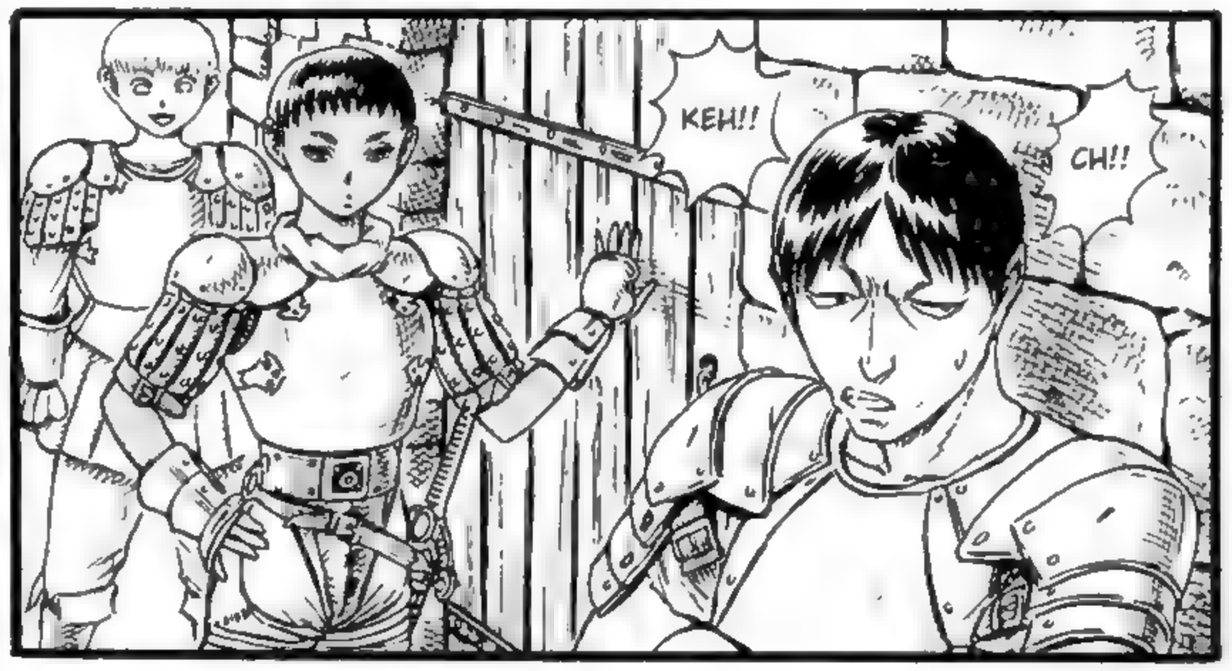




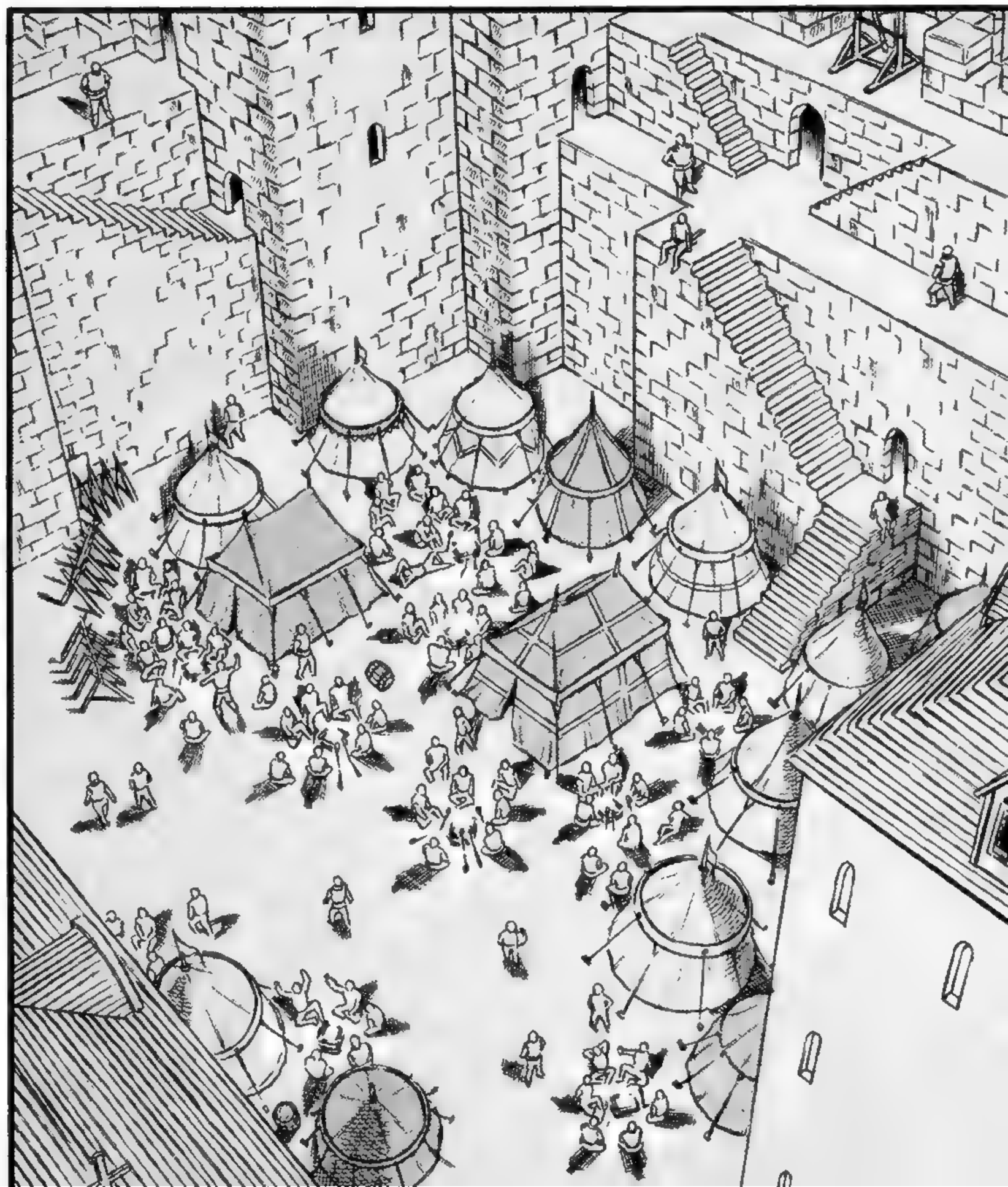







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HE MANAGED THIS ENTIRE OPERATION PERSONALLY.

IT CANNOT BE HELPED .....

GOOD GRIEF...*ONE* SUCCESSFUL SNEAK ATTACK AND THEY *CELEBRATE.*

A MOST *DREAD-FUL* MAN HE IS.

BUT STILL ...

SURELY THIS WAS A MAJOR GAIN.

HMPH.

HE IS YOUNG AND LACKS BACKING, BUT HIS MEN ARE EXTREMELY DEVOTED TO HIM AND HIS TACTICS ARE BRILLIANT... *TRULY DREADFUL...*

YES, YES, WE CANNOT BE HARD ON THEM.

YEAH, KIND OF A *MEAN* DUDE, THOUGH.

BUT HEY, *GUTS* IS *PRETTY GOOD!*

TELL YOU WHAT, I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO THINK WHEN GRIFFITH TOOK OFF. IF SOMETHIN' HAD HAPPENED...

...SOME THINGS ONLY GRIFFITH CAN SEE.

I THOUGHT HE'D JUST *RUN OFF...*

YOU *LAMEBRAIN.* LIKE ANYTHING WOULD *EVER* HAPPEN TO *GRIFFITH.*

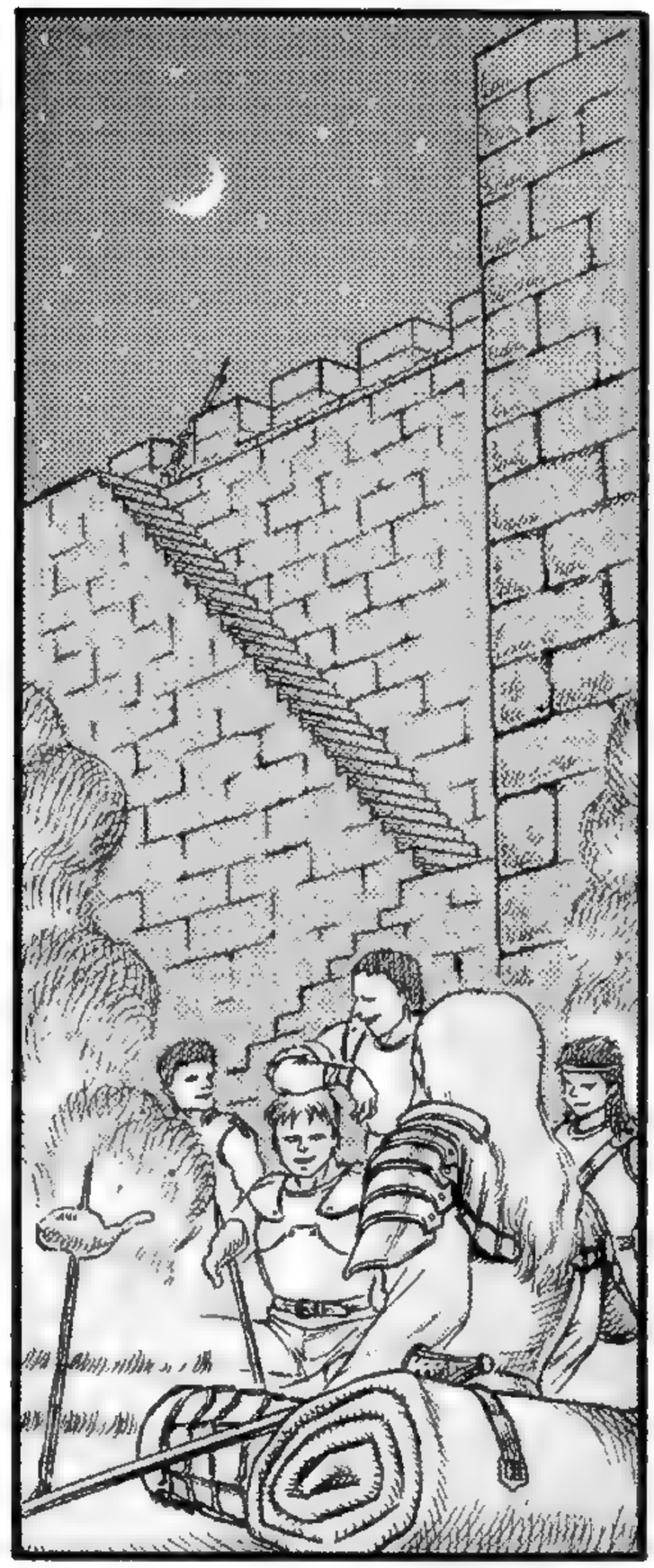
WHERE *IS* HE, ANYWAY?

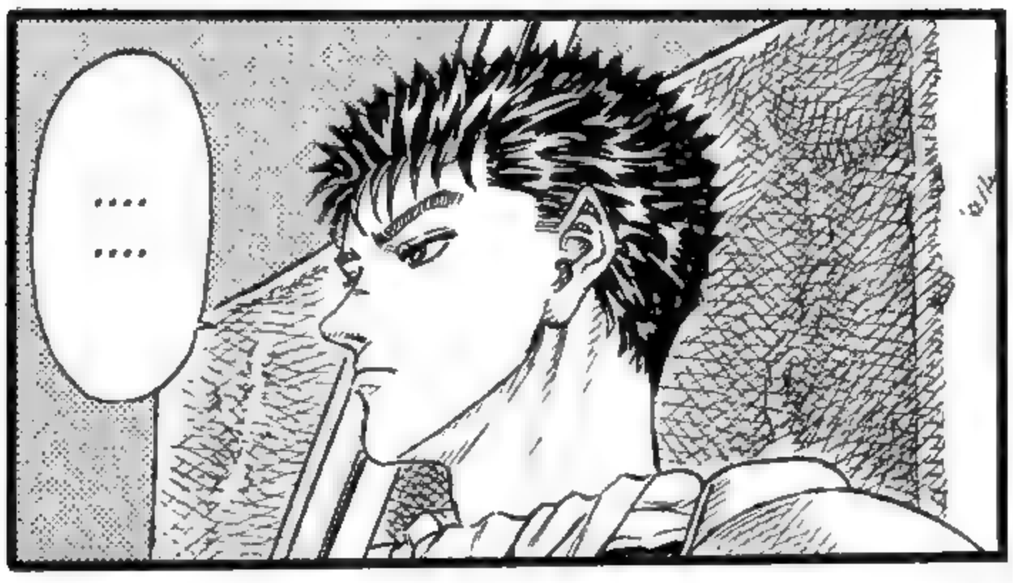
WELL... GUESS WE CAN SAY HE'S ONE OF THE HAWKS NOW...

OH REALLY?

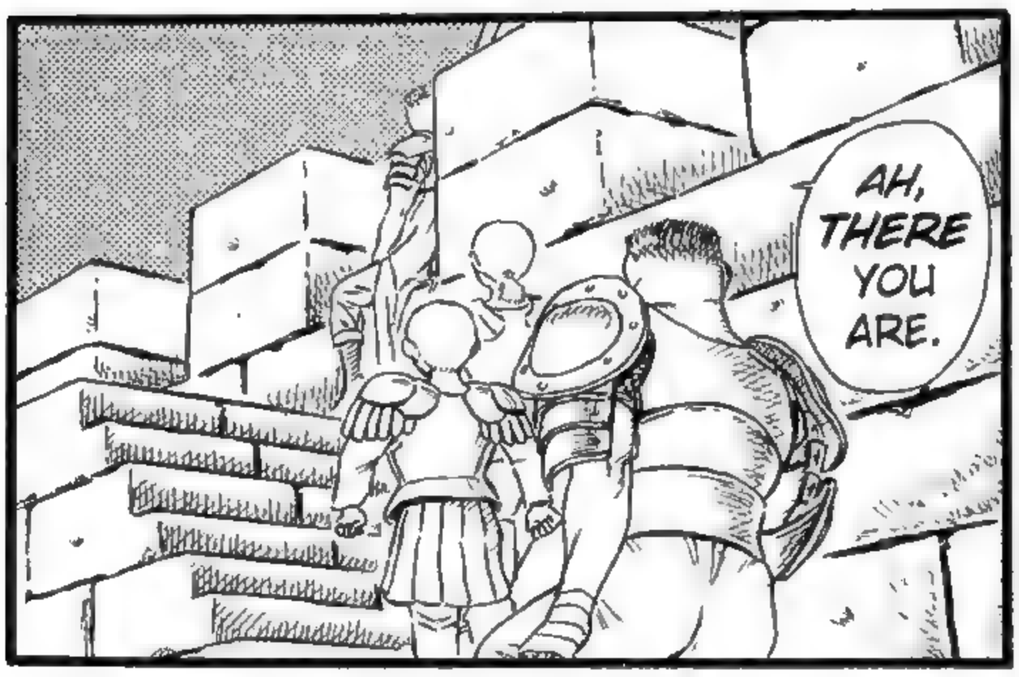
RIGHT, WHEN YOU WERE THE MOST SCARED ONE OUT THERE.






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AH, THERE YOU ARE.

COME DOWN!

LET'S *DRINK!* YOU'VE GOTTA HAVE *FUN* WHEN YOU CAN FIND IT!

....
....

I'M FINE HERE.

WHATCHA UP TO? IT NICE AND COOL UP HERE?

GUTS ... SIR ...?

UH...

I REALLY *RESPECT* YOU!

I'VE *NEVER* SEEN ANYONE BUT GRIFFITH FIGHT THAT *AMAZINGLY!*

HUHN ...?

MY NAME IS *RICKERT!*

.....

THANK YOU FOR EARLIER... YOU HELPED ME SCRAPE THROUGH.

NO REASON TO THANK ME.

ALL I DID WAS MY OWN *JOB.*

SAME GOES FOR YOU GUYS, RIGHT?

WELL ...

I'M *JUDEAU.* NICE TO MEET YOU!

SAY WHAT...?

MORE IMPORTANTLY, ***COME ON.*** THINGS CAN'T GET ***GOIN'*** WITHOUT THE ***STAR!***

WE CAN LEAVE IT AT ***THAT*** I GUESS.

... AH ....

YOU ABOUT TO TURN DOWN OUR ***GOOD WILL?***

TONIGHT'S PARTY IS ALSO TO WELCOME YOU TO THE GROUP!

WE REALLY JUST WANT AN EXCUSE TO GO WILD.

...WHAT?

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NOBODY *ASKED* YOU TO DO *THAT!*

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PIPPIN!

WHA... WHAT THE HELL?!

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LET ME *GO!!*

AH.

DON'T YOU TOUCH ME!!

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HEY, HERE HE COMES!

AGGHH!

DON'T BE SHY.

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....!!

.....
....!!

HEY!!

ENOUGH ALREADY! PUT ME DOWN, YA FAT-HEADED BASTARD!!

I'M PIPPIN.

S...

SONUVA ...!!

DRINK.

ALL RIGHT!! LET'S TOAST THE *ROOKIE* WITH THE *BAD ATTITUDE!!*

AH...

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UGH?

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THERE'S SOME STUFF ONLY *GRIFFITH* CAN SEE.

I'VE CHANGED MY MIND, *ROOKIE!!* YOU'RE ONE *HELL* OF A GUY! TAKIN' ON *THAT* MANY MEN BY YOURSELF!!

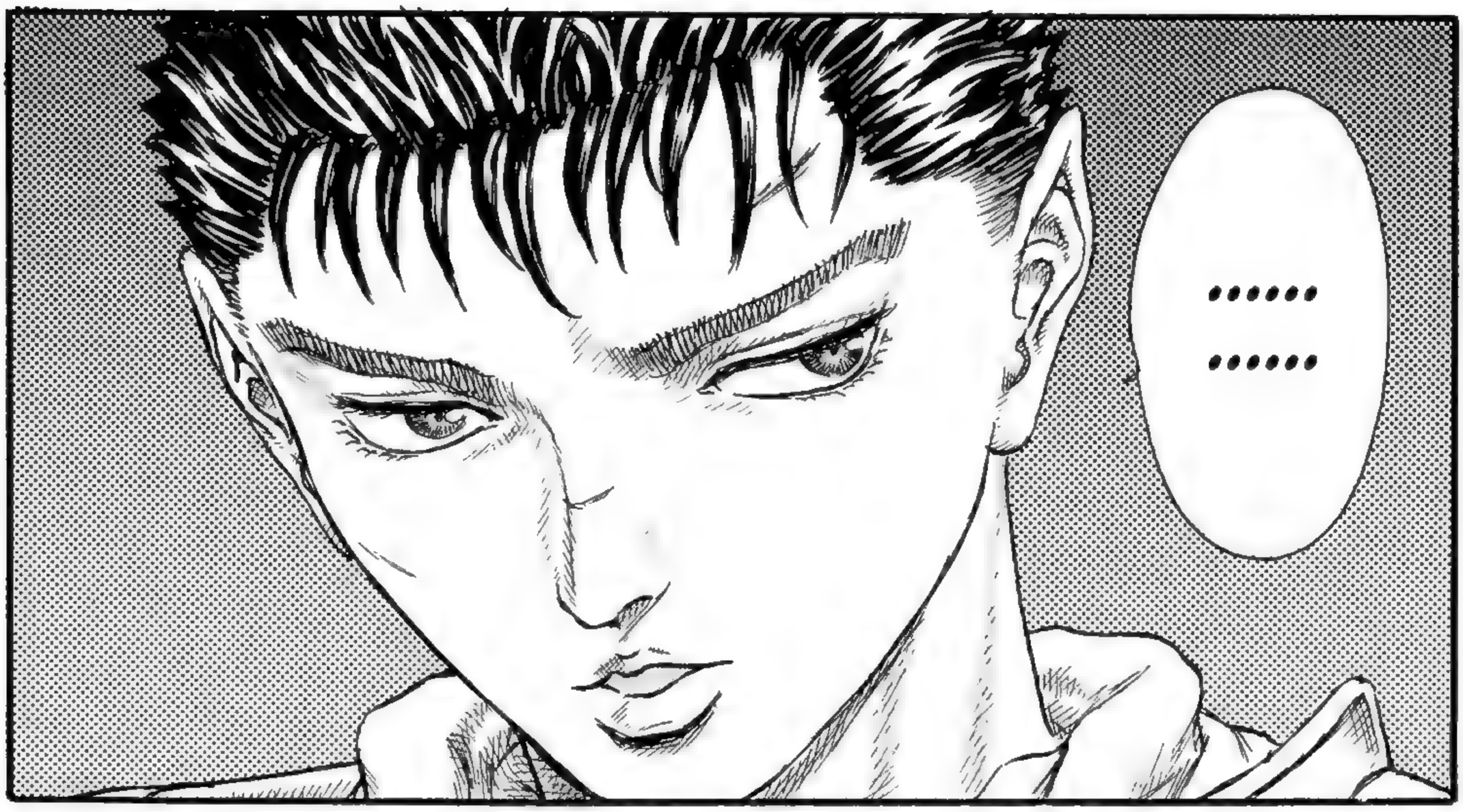
I THOUGHT HE WAS ABOUT TO PUT YOU UNDER WHEN YOU *SLUGGED* HIM, THOUGH.....

WELL... A LITTLE *IMPULSIVE*, MAYBE.

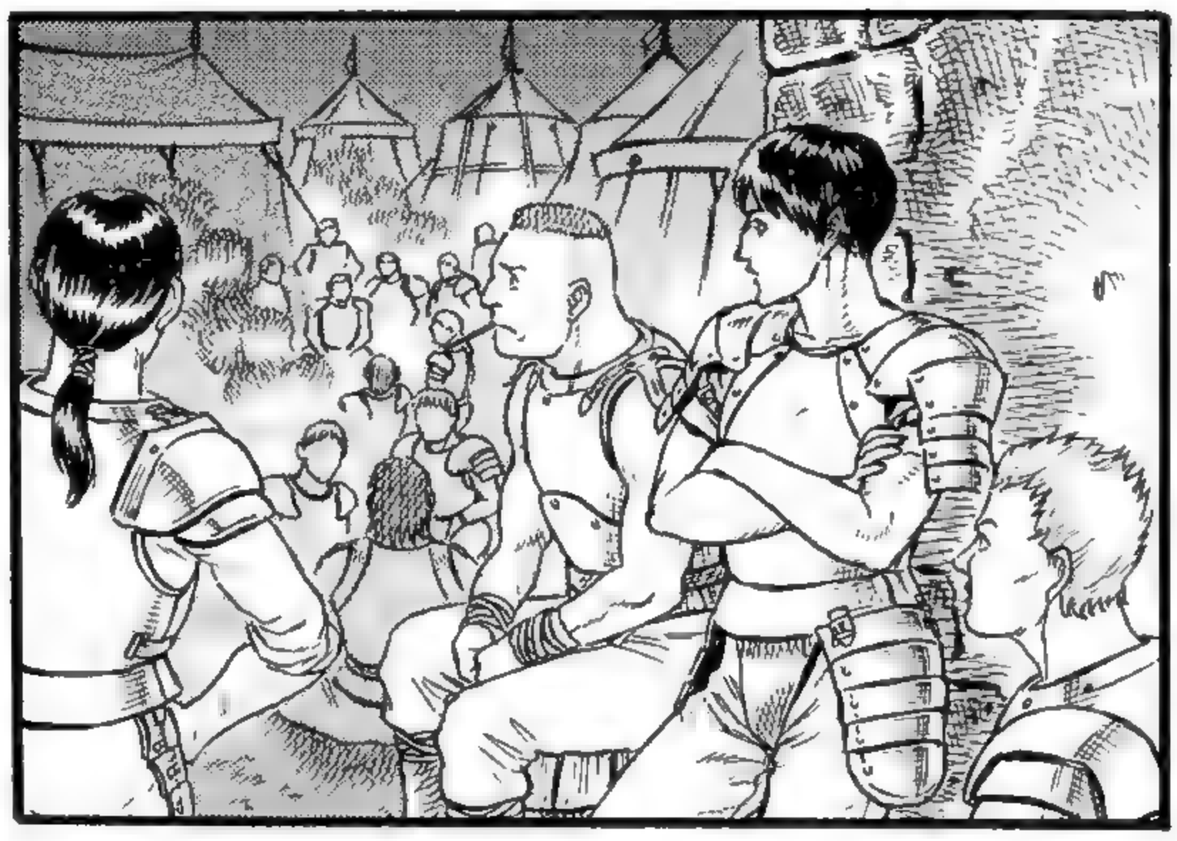
YOU'RE *AWE-SOME!!*

HERE'S TO THE *FUTURE*, ROOKIE!!

WELL... ANYHOW, *YOU'RE* TRUST-WORTHY.


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TCH!

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HMPH.

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YOU MUST *REALLY* LIKE HIGH PLACES.

DON'T YOU?

YOU'RE UP EARLY.

HOW?

AYOOP.

....
....

SO HOW ABOUT THE *BAND OF THE HAWK?*

WANT SOME?

NO THANKS.

THINK YOU'LL FIT IN?

...IT'S KIND OF WEIRD.

....
....

HARD TO SAY...

...I DUNNO.

I WAS SURPRISED BY HOW YOUNG EVERYONE HERE IS. BUT THAT'S NOT ALL...

MERCENARY BANDS ARE NEVER MUCH DIFFERENT. THEY'RE SAVAGE, MADE UP MOSTLY OF ROGUES AND MEN WITH SHADY PASTS, Y'KNOW?

...IT'S...

DIFFERENT SOMEHOW...

HERE...

WE'VE GOT ESCAPED PRISONERS, STREET URCHINS, SONS OF BLACKSMITHS, AND ***EVEN*** SECOND SONS OF POOR ARISTOCRATS IN OURS! ***YUP!***

WELL, A LITTLE VARIETY'S GOOD EVEN FOR MERCENARY BANDS.

I GUESS, MAYBE?

....
....

HMMMM.

ANYWAY, ALL OF US ARE ***HERE*** BECAUSE OF HIS ***CHARISMA.***

...THOSE WHO'VE BEEN COMPLETELY CHARMED BY GRIFFITH...THOSE WHO FIGURE AS LONG AS THEY STICK WITH GRIFFITH...THEY'LL GET TO SEE GREAT THINGS.

BUT...

...IF ANYTHING, MAYBE IT'S ***GRIFFITH?*** I'D SAY...

IT'S JUST THAT UNLIKE OTHER MERCENARIES, WHO ARE SO HARDENED THEY THINK ONLY ABOUT MONEY AND THEIR OWN SURVIVAL, WE'RE A LITTLE DIFFERENT.

....
....

ON HIS OWN, NO ONE OF US IS ANY ***BIG DEAL.*** NO DIFFERENT FROM ANY OTHER MERCENARY.

AROUND HERE...

...WE CAN ALSO CRY, LAUGH, GET ANGRY, WHATEVER.

...WHILE WE DO SPEND EVERY BLOOD-FILLED DAY KILLING AND BEING KILLED, IT'S STRANGE, BUT...

GRIFFITH... WHAT KIND OF GUY IS HE?

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I DON'T KNOW ....

... ...

HMMMM.

JUST LISTEN.

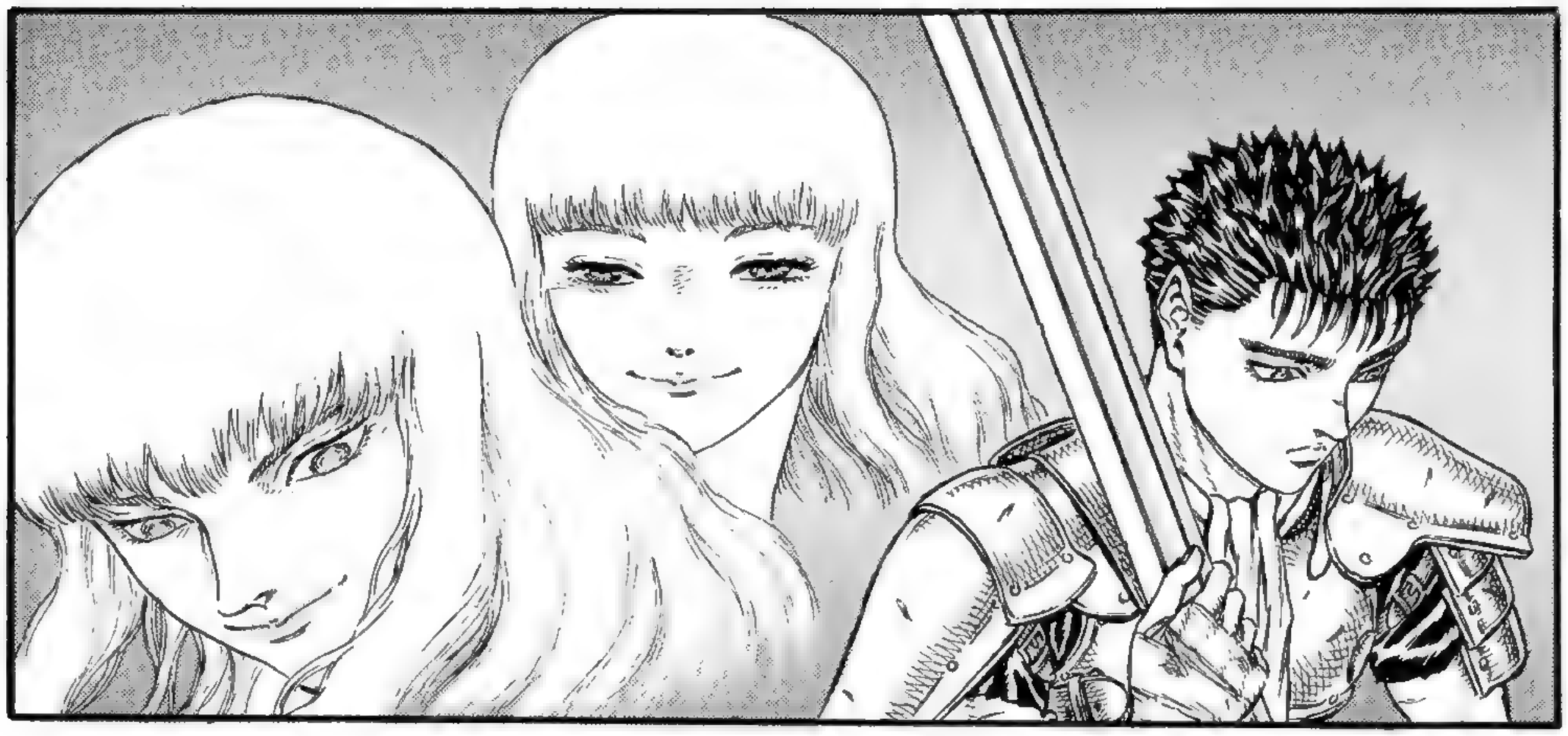
WHOA, HOLD ON.

...YET YOU'RE ALL *CHARMED* BY HIM....

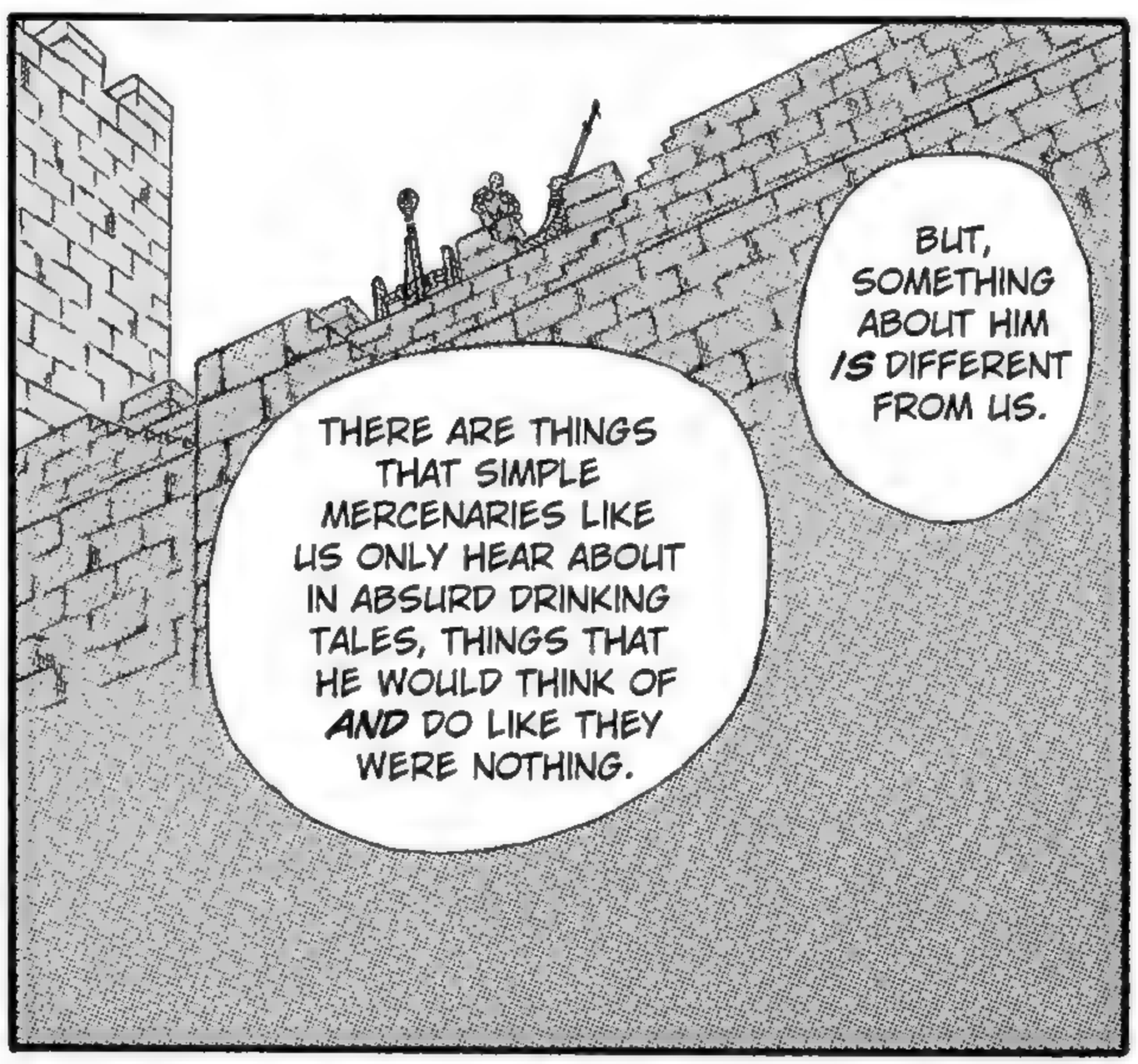
IS HE A CHILD OR AN ADULT, A GOOD GUY OR A VILLAIN? I DON'T REALLY KNOW *WHAT* HE IS.

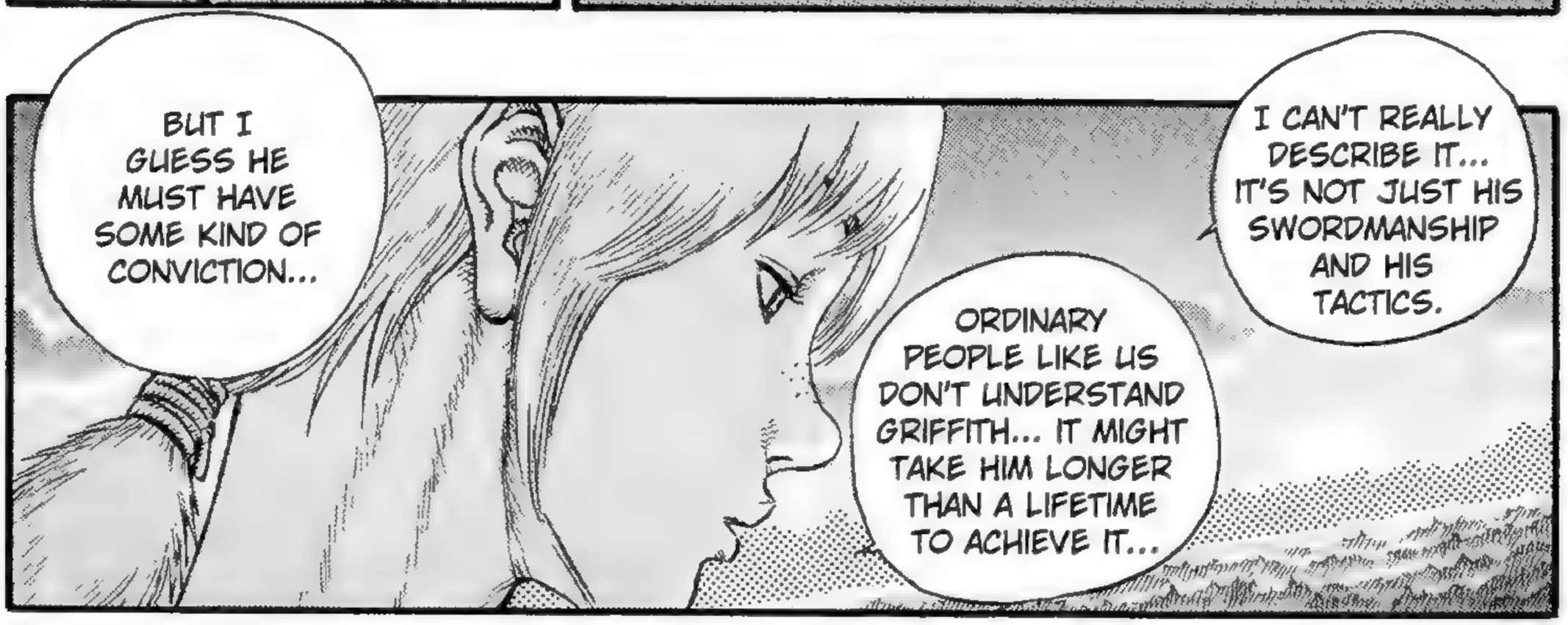
JUST WHEN YOU THINK HE HAS A SPINE-CHILLING LOOK ON HIS FACE, HE SMILES INNOCENTLY LIKE A BABY.

HOW CAN I PUT THIS? JUST WHEN YOU THINK IT LOOKS LIKE HE'S GOT SOME STRANGE WISDOM, HE SEEMS JUST LIKE A KID.....




....
....


THERE ARE THINGS THAT SIMPLE MERCENARIES LIKE US ONLY HEAR ABOUT IN ABSURD DRINKING TALES, THINGS THAT HE WOULD THINK OF *AND* DO LIKE THEY WERE NOTHING.
BUT, SOMETHING ABOUT HIM *IS* DIFFERENT FROM US.


BUT I GUESS HE MUST HAVE SOME KIND OF CONVICTION...
ORDINARY PEOPLE LIKE US DON'T UNDERSTAND GRIFFITH... IT MIGHT TAKE HIM LONGER THAN A LIFETIME TO ACHIEVE IT...
I CAN'T REALLY DESCRIBE IT... IT'S NOT JUST HIS SWORDMANSHIP AND HIS TACTICS.

...HEH.

IN *EVERY-THING.*

IN WHAT...?

CON-VICTION...

IT'S NOT WHETHER WE REALLY KNOW HIM OR NOT.

ISN'T THAT JUST HOW IT *IS* WHEN A MAN GATHERS OTHER MEN TOGETHER?

IT'S NOT WHETHER HE'S A *GOOD GUY* OR A *BAD GUY.*

GUTS.

HEY, NEW GUY.

THE BOSS'S *CALLIN'* YOU.

.....

...SEE YA.

THE PLACE WHERE YOU BELONG.

I'M SURE YOU'LL FIND *IT* HERE.

!

WHEW.

I'LL PASS...

CARE TO JOIN ME? IT'S THE ***BEST*** WAY TO SOBER UP.

OKAYYY.

.....
.....

HI!

...

HAHAHAH!! WHAT A FACE!!

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JERK.

COME ON, DON'T BE THAT WAY.

AGHH!! CUT IT OUT, ***MORON!!*** WE ***AIN'T*** KIDS...!!

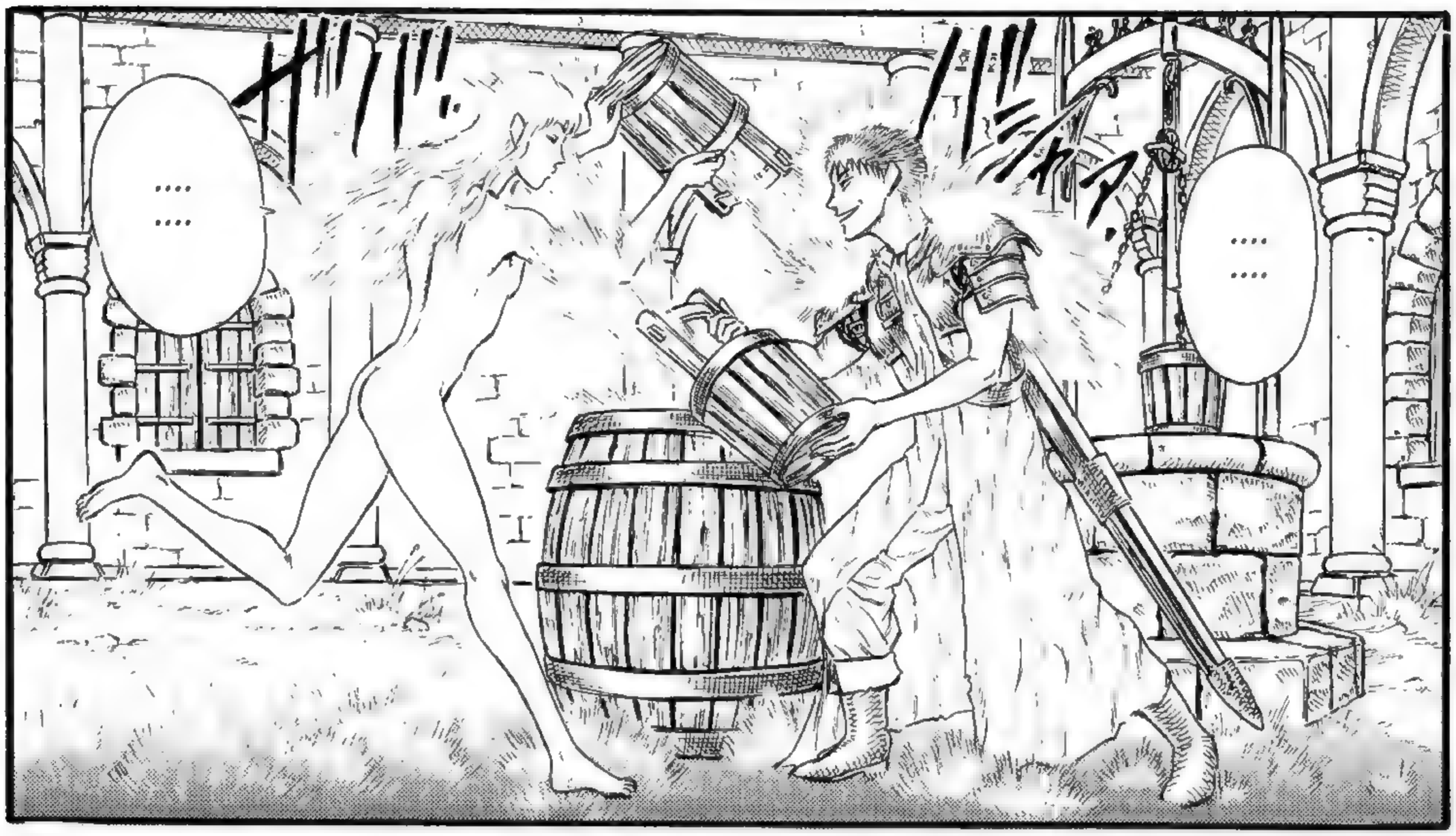
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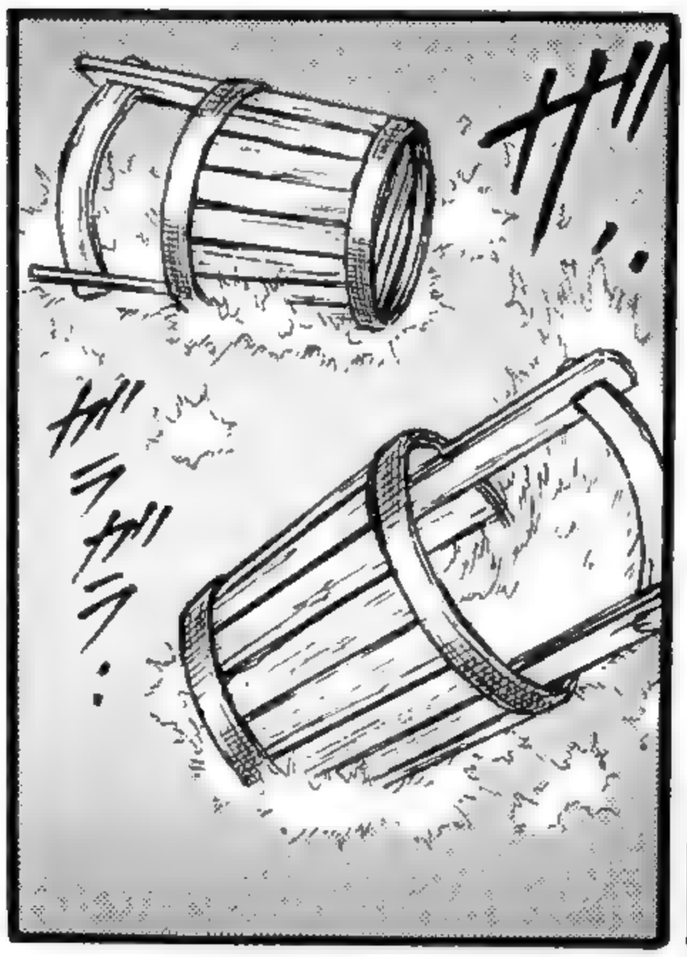
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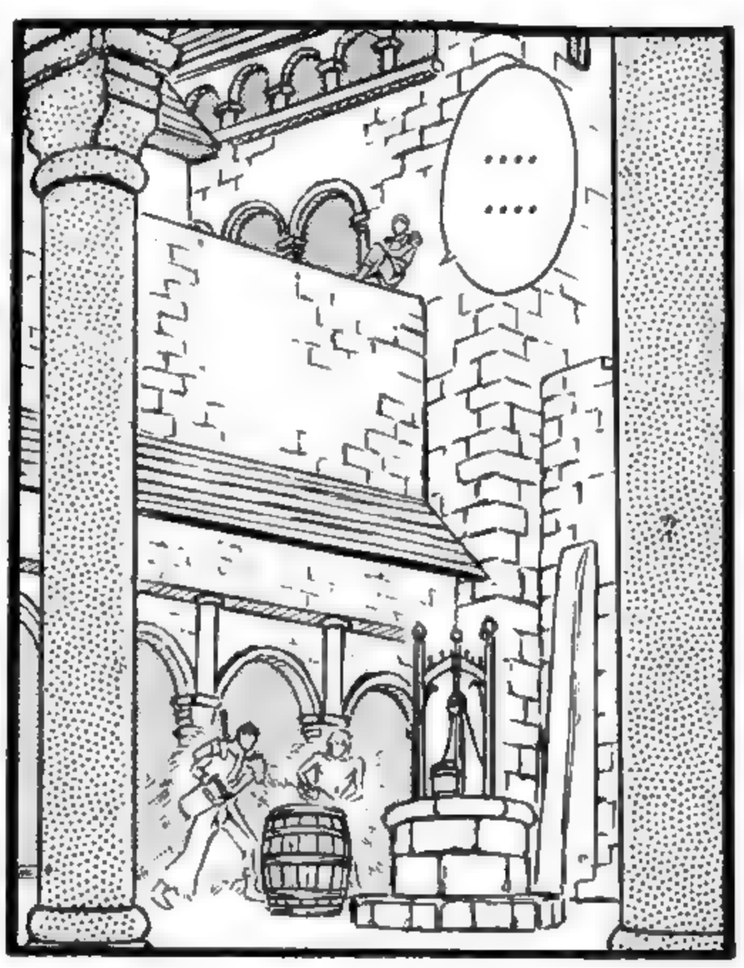
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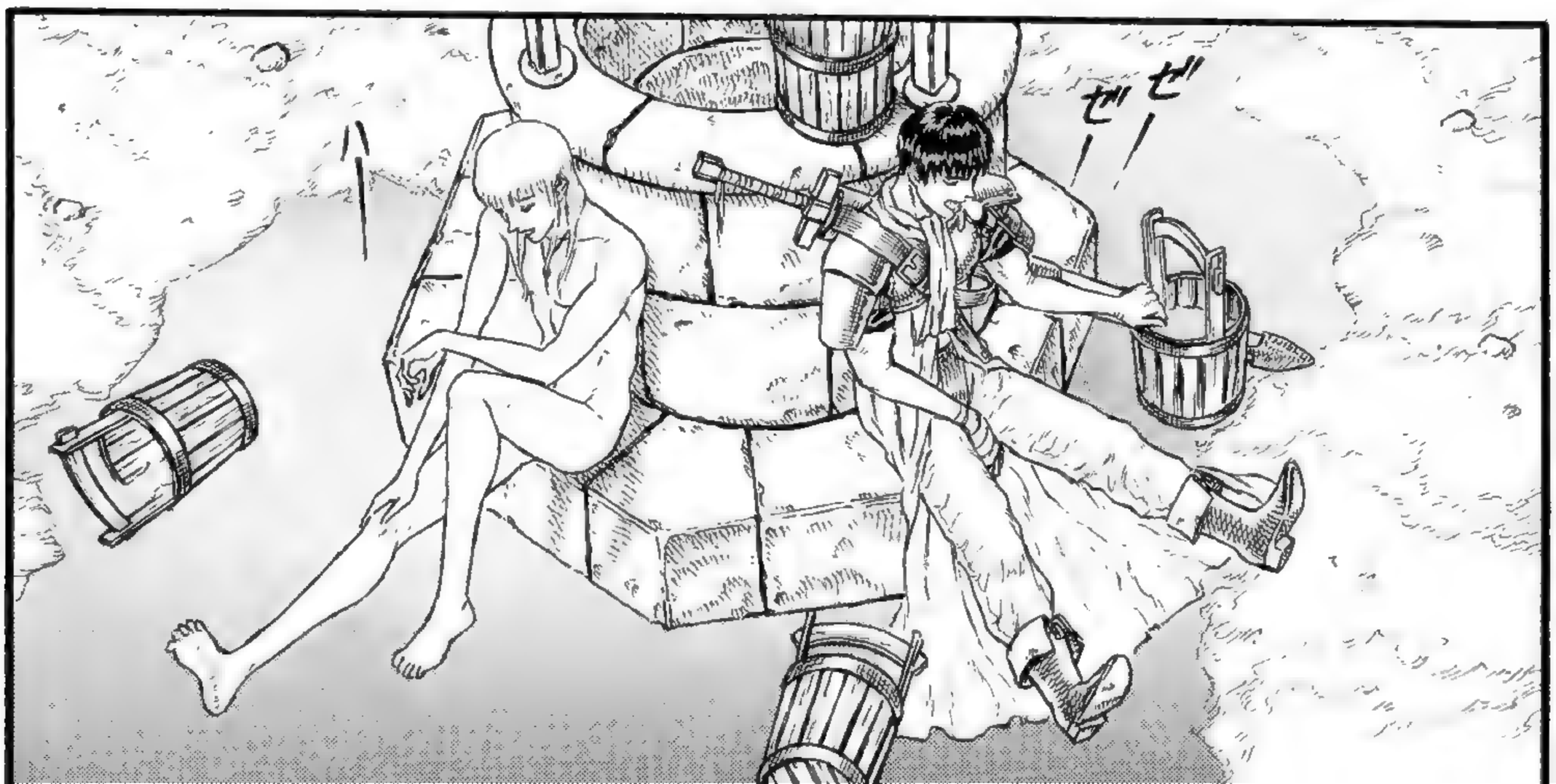
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LOTTA ENERGY THIS EARLY.


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WUPP.

WHEWW.

THAT WAS GOOD MORNING EXERCISE.

NOW WE'RE *EVEN.*

WHY YOU-- !!

GUTS ...

HA HA HA HA HA!

...AH.

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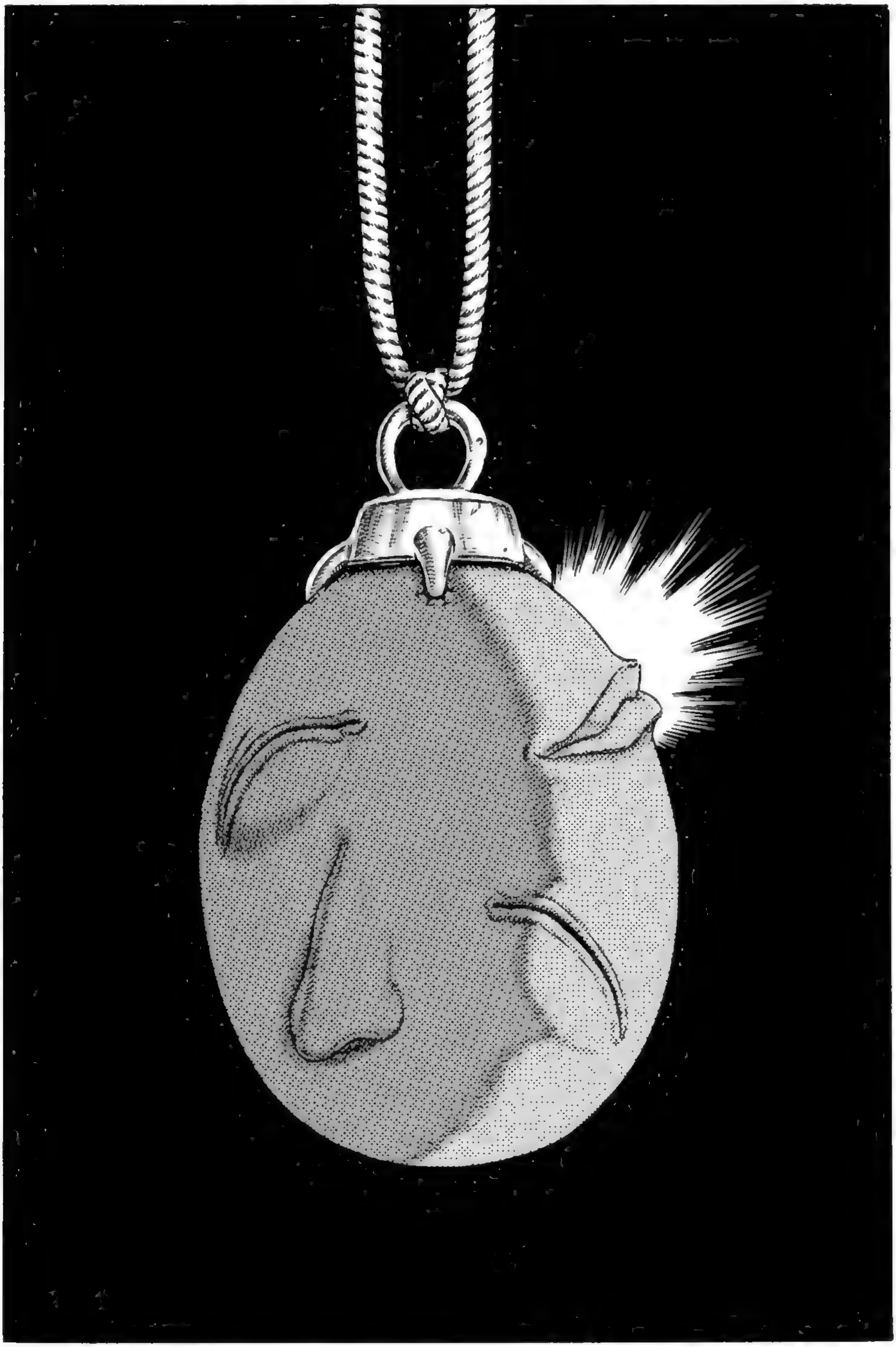
WHAT?

OKAY, I GIVE UP!

YOU REALLY ARE ***STUB-BORN,*** YOU KNOW .....

OH, ***THIS...***

THAT'S A ***WEIRD*** NECK-LACE...



I BOUGHT THIS FROM AN OLD GYPSY FORTUNE-TELLER AGES AGO.

ALSO CALLED THE *EGG OF THE KING*...

THE *BEHELIT*.

...IS *DESTINED* TO OBTAIN THE WORLD IN EXCHANGE FOR HIS OWN FLESH AND BLOOD.

YOU SEE, IT'S SAID THAT WHOEVER *POSSESSES* THIS...

...THE WORLD...?

HERE.

.....

I DON'T KNOW WHAT MAKES IT DO THAT, BUT IT'S ALMOST LIKE IT'S *ALIVE.*

THAT'S *CREE-PYYY.*

....
..!!

NEAT, HUH?

I STILL HAVEN'T HEARD YOUR ANSWER.

HM?

?

HE REALLY IS TOUGH TO READ... BUT PROBABLY JUST A KID...

WHY'D YOU COME BACK TO SAVE ME?

DURING THE BATTLE...

HAVING ACQUIRED SUCH AN ***EXCELLENT*** SOLDIER, I DIDN'T WANT TO LOSE HIM IN SUCH A ***PETTY*** BATTLE.

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COME ALONG WITH ME...

GUTS...

THIS IS WHERE IT STARTS TO GET INTERESTING.

YOU CAN *BET* YOUR LIFE ON THAT.

JUST THE *BEGIN-NING...*

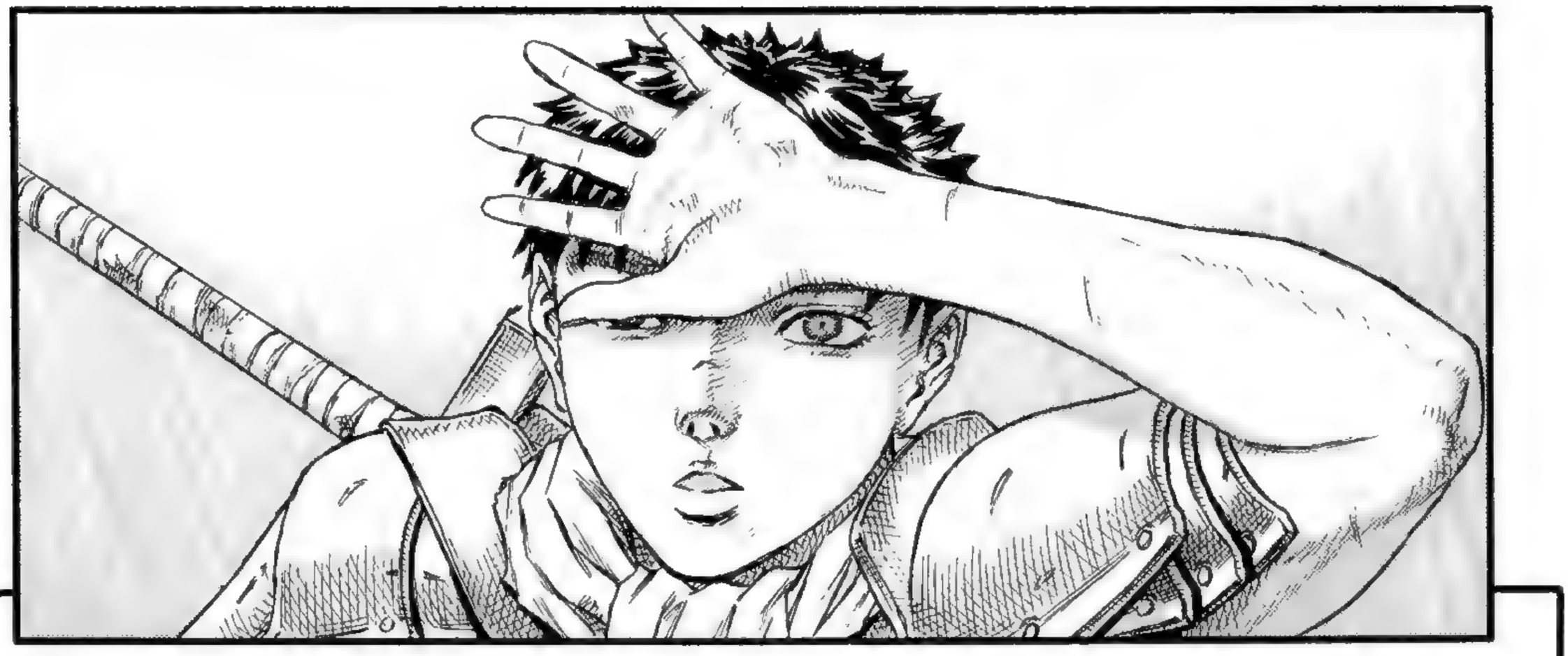
...ARE *JUST* THE OUTSET.

THIS IS NO MORE THAN A SINGLE STEP.

THE *BAND OF THE HAWK...*

...ALL THE VICTORIES ON THE BATTLE-FIELD...

I WILL GET MY OWN KINGDOM.




YOU WILL FIGHT FOR MY *CAUSE.*
BECAUSE *YOU* BELONG TO *ME.*

I WILL *DECIDE* THE PLACE WHERE YOU *DIE.*

GET HIS OWN KINGDOM?

ポチャン。

IS HE FOR REAL?

HA!

...IS GONNA SNATCH UP HIS OWN KING-DOM...?

SO THE COMMANDER OF MAYBE FIVE HUNDRED MERCEN-ARIES...

HE'S NOT NOBILITY OR ROYALTY. HE'S NOT EVEN A KNIGHT.

...HE'S ABOUT THE SAME AGE AS ME...

CAN JUST... ONE MAN...

THE PUNK SAID ALL THAT LIKE IT'S JUST A MATTER OF COURSE.

...WHEN HE *SAYS* THAT...?

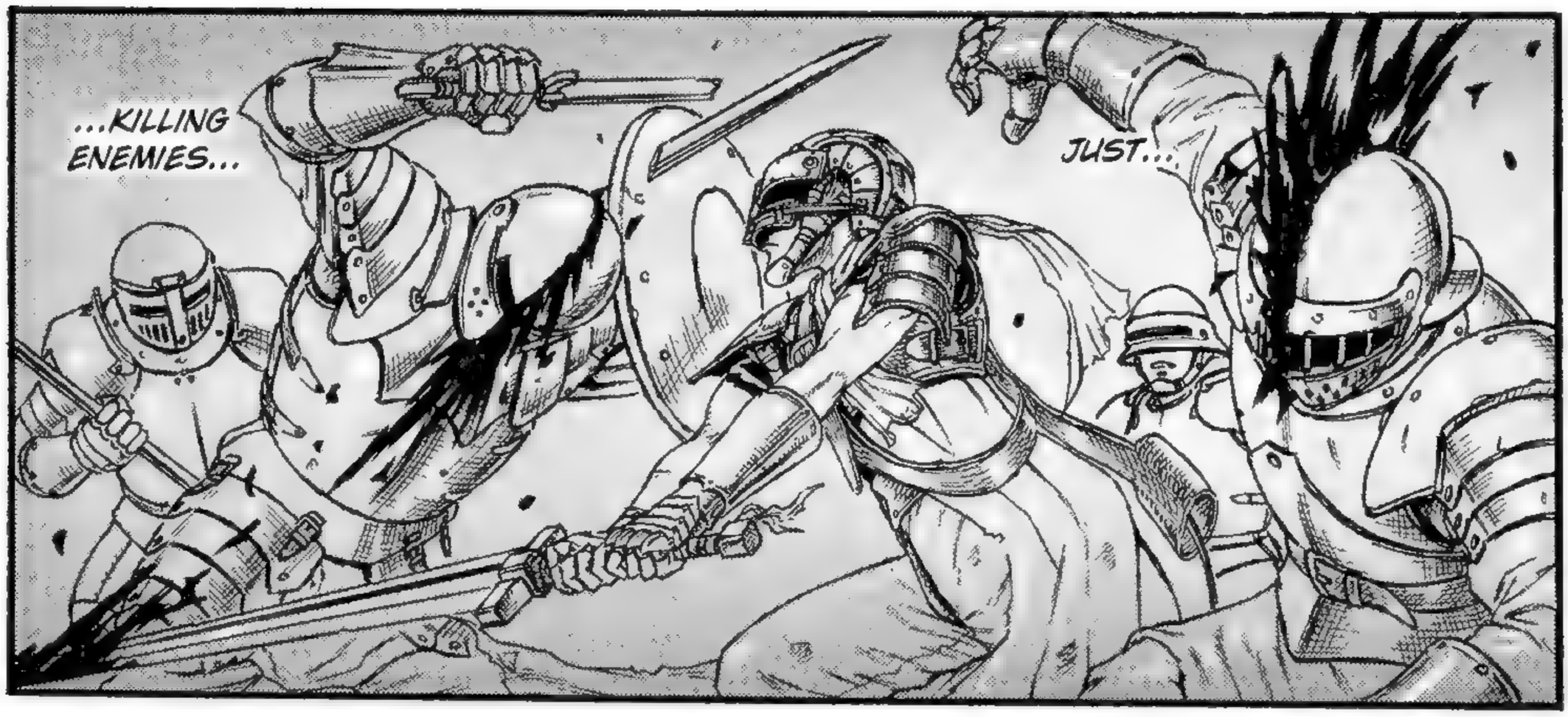
...MEAN IT...

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HE'S CRAZY...

WHAT'VE I BEEN DOING THESE PAST FOUR YEARS?

RUNNIN' AROUND FROM ONE BATTLEFIELD TO THE NEXT...


...KILLING ENEMIES...
JUST...


JUST ...
...SUR-VIVING ...
.....



I STILL DON'T HAVE...

WHERE'M I GOIN'...?

...THE ANSWER TO THAT QUESTION.

GAMBINO...

AH!

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SIR!! GUTS, SIR!!

THE BIG IDEA...?!

WHAT'S...

I'M SORRY!! I'M SORRY!!

IT HASN'T EVEN BEEN TWO WEEKS SINCE YOU JOINED US... I WOULDN'T BE SURPRISED IF IT WAS A *HUNDRED* MEN IN A YEAR, SIR!!

I HEARD YOU HAD TEN MEN PLACED UNDER *YOUR COMMAND!* THAT'S *AMAZING!!*

I THOUGHT I'D COME CONGRAT-ULATE YOU...

THIS HAS BEEN ONE *WET* DAY.

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CONGRATU-
LATIONS!

NOW
YOU'VE
REALLY
EARNED
A PLACE IN
THE *BAND*
OF THE
HAWK!

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JUST
CALL ME
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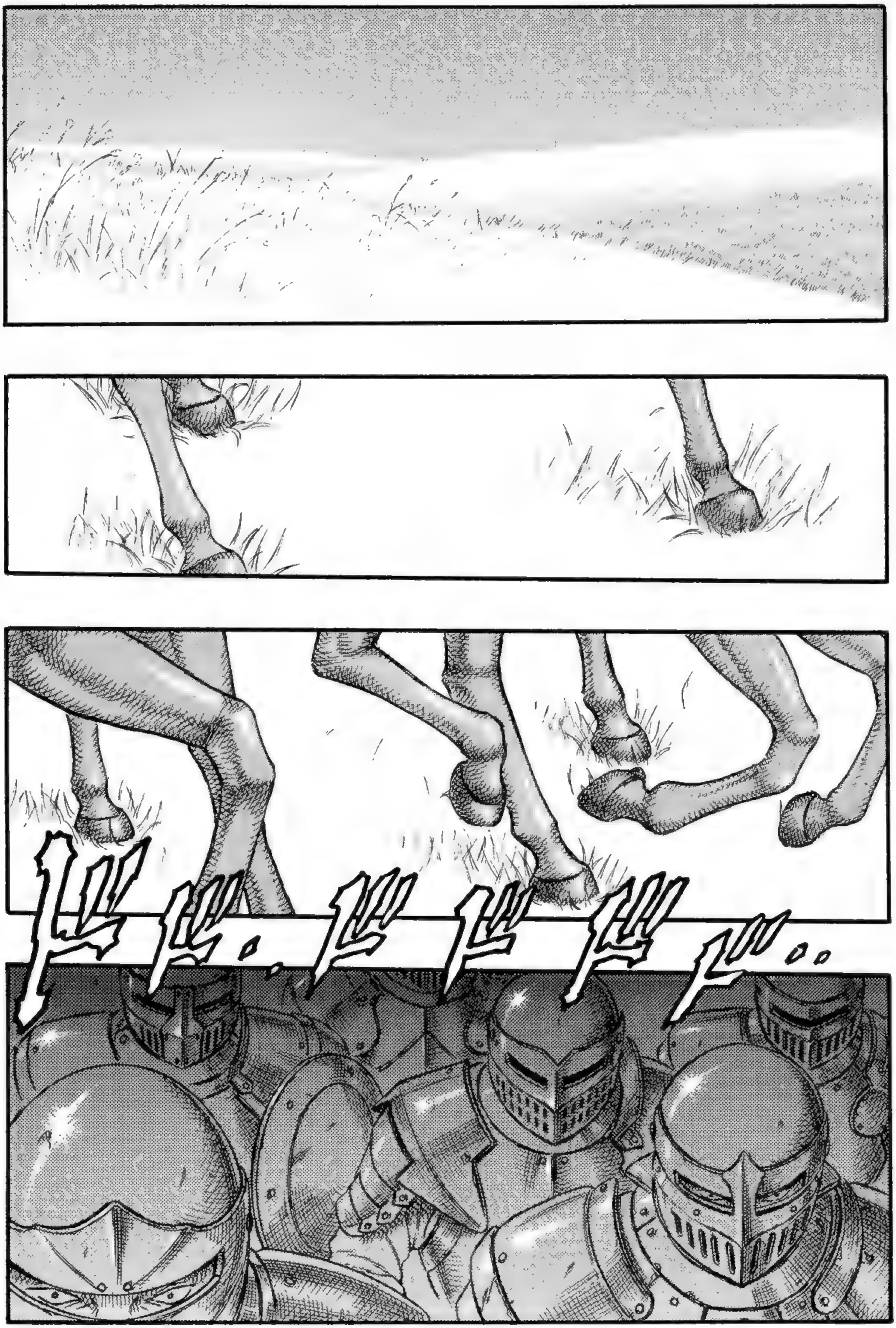
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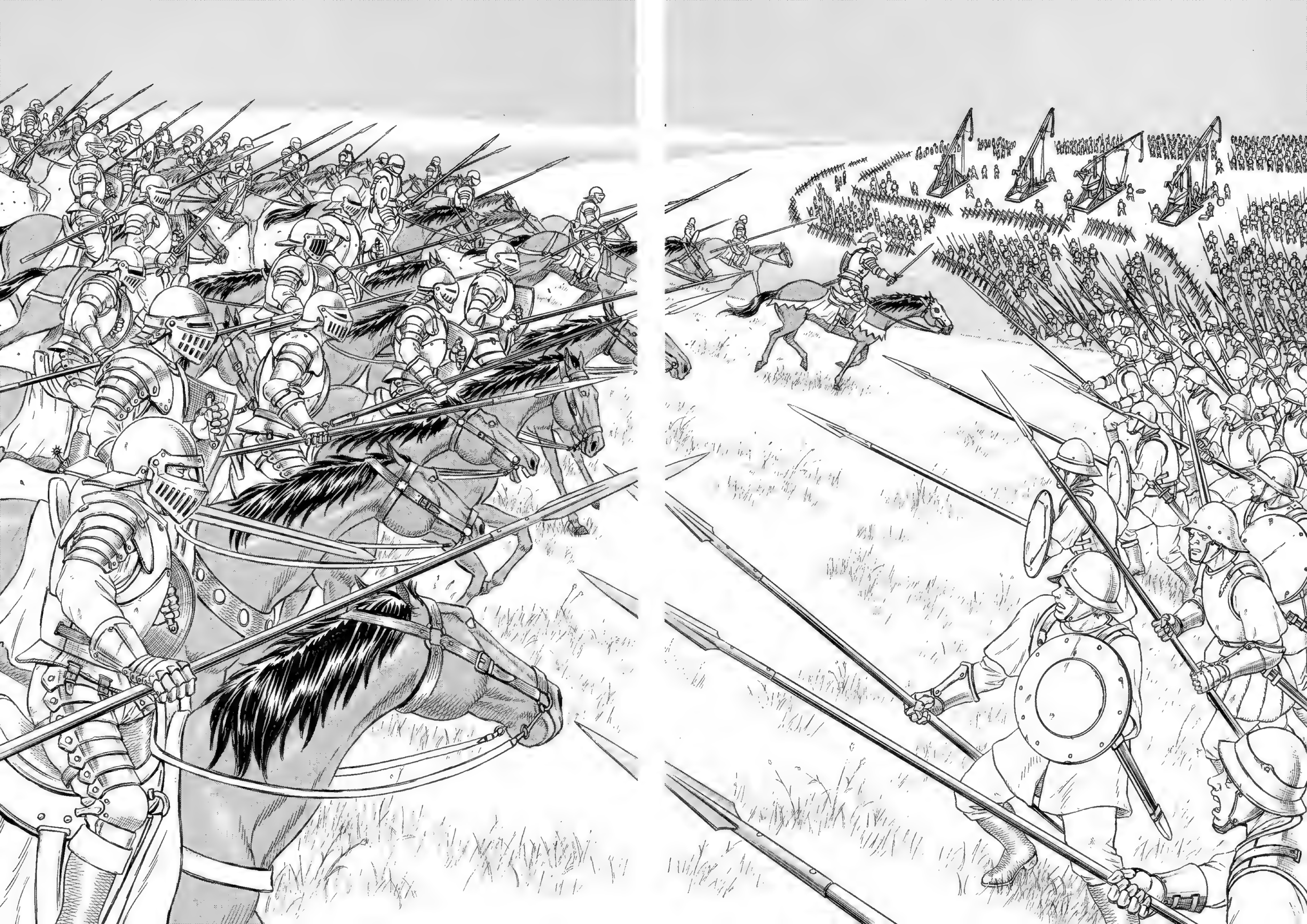
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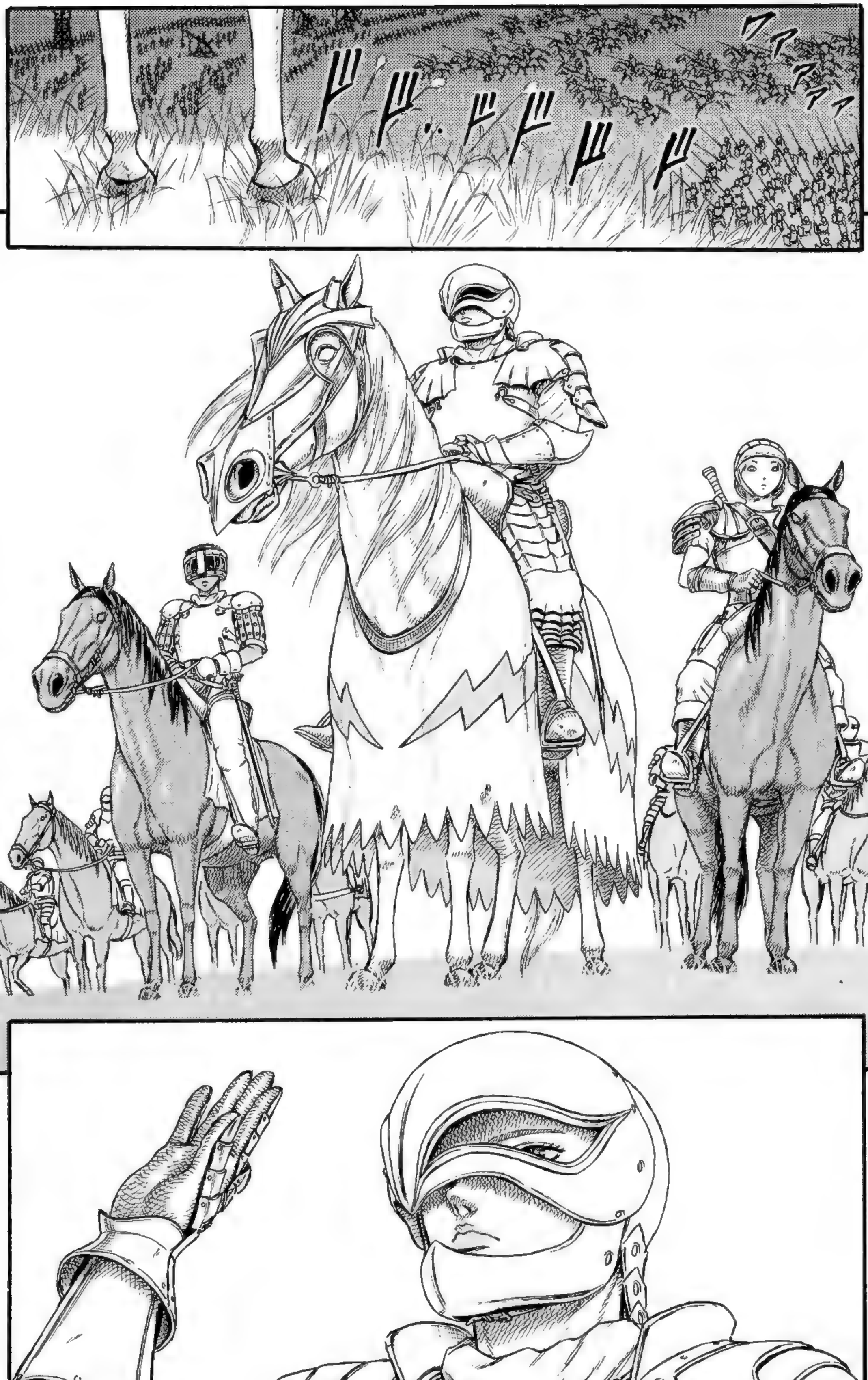
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THE GOLDEN AGE (8) END



IS IT LIKE THE HAND OF GOD HOVERING ABOVE?

IN THIS WORLD, IS THE DESTINY OF MANKIND CONTROLLED BY SOME TRANSCENDENTAL ENTITY OR LAW.....?

AT LEAST, IT IS TRUE THAT MAN HAS NO CONTROL, EVEN OVER HIS OWN WILL.

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MAN WIELDS THE SWORD SO THAT HE MAY DIE SMILING IN SOME FAR- OFF TIME BEYOND PERCEPTION.

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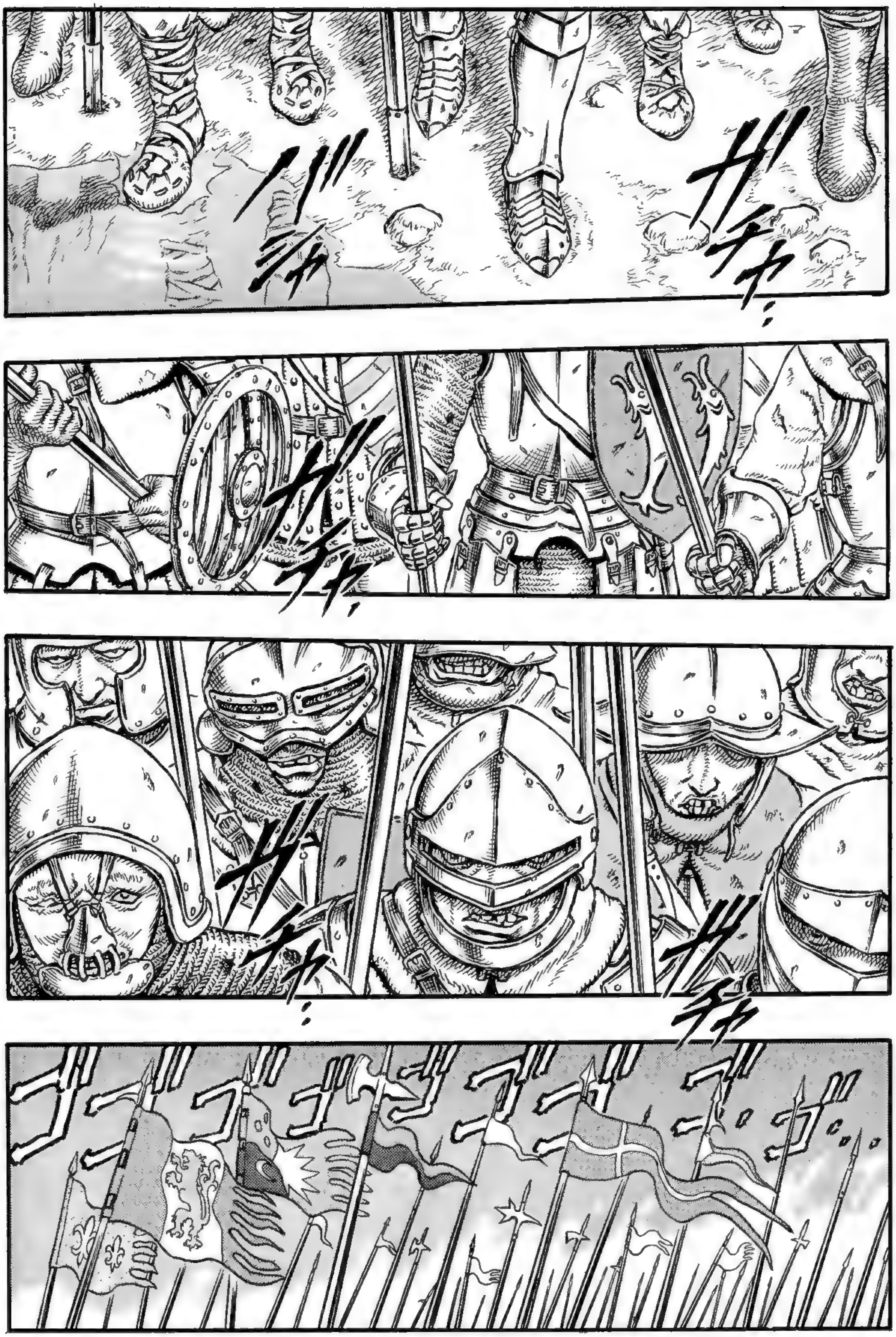
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THE WIND OF SWORDS

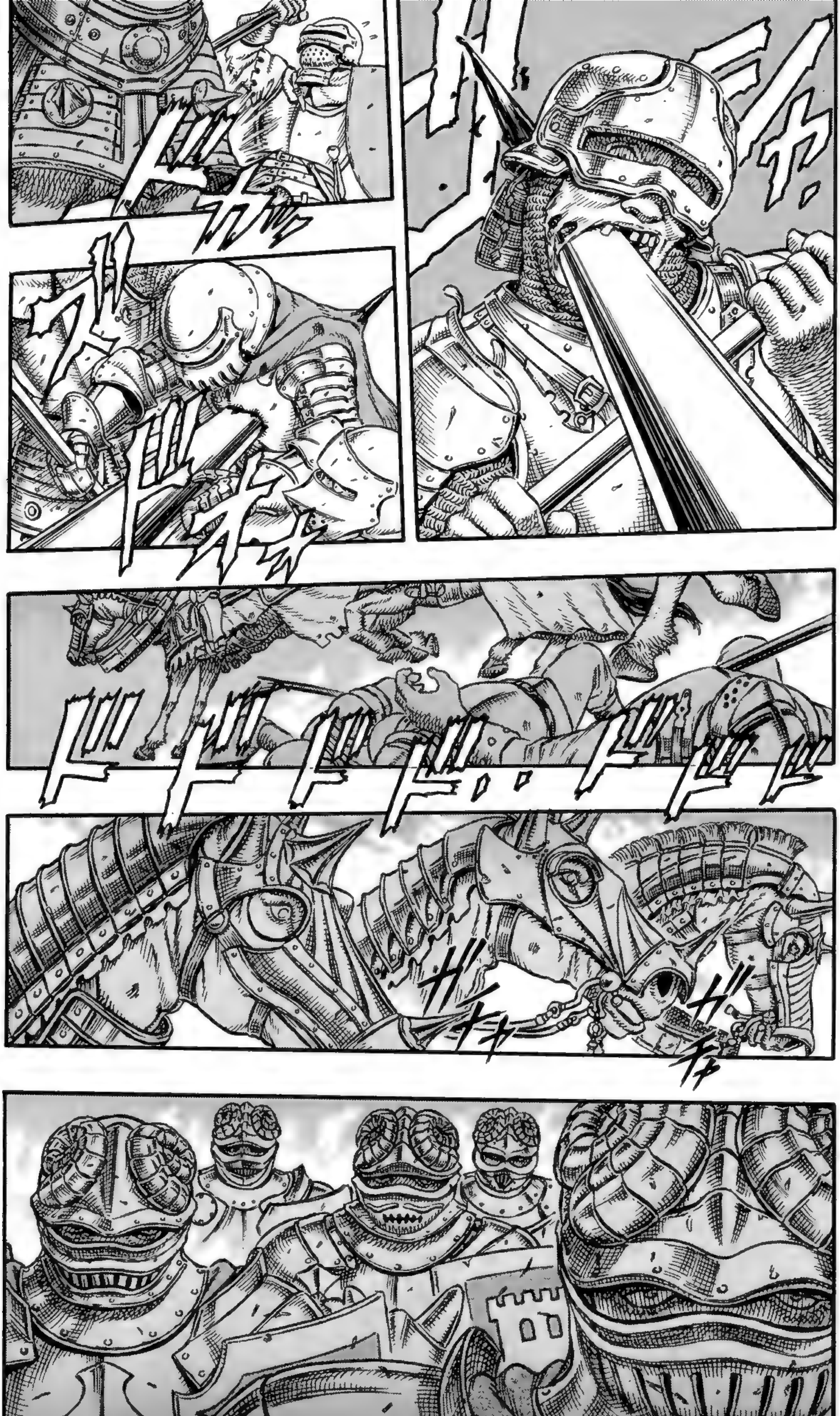
MAN TAKES UP THE SWORD IN ORDER TO SHIELD THE SMALL WOUND IN HIS HEART SUSTAINED IN A FAR-OFF TIME BEYOND REMEMBRANCE.







THE WAR HAS GONE ON FOR ONE HUNDRED YEARS.



TRAMPLE THEM DOWN!!!

ONWARD, ONWARD!!

SHOW THE WHOLE LAND HOW VALIANT ARE WE OF *THE BLACK RAM IRON LANCE HEAVY CAVALRY!!*

CRUSH THEM!!

KILL THEM!!

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ANYONE .....

ANYONE WILL DO.....

IS THERE *NO ONE* IN *MIDLAND* WHO CAN STOP THESE BLACK DEVILS OF *CHUDER*?!

WHAT A *DISASTER!!* TO THINK THAT A MERE THREE THOUSAND HORSEMEN COULD CONFOUND US SO...!!

WHAT ARE OUR GENERALS *DOING*?!

THE ENEMY'S *BLACK RAM IRON LANCE HEAVY CAVALRY* ARE SO FIERCE, WE'RE SUSTAINING *HEAVY LOSSES!!*

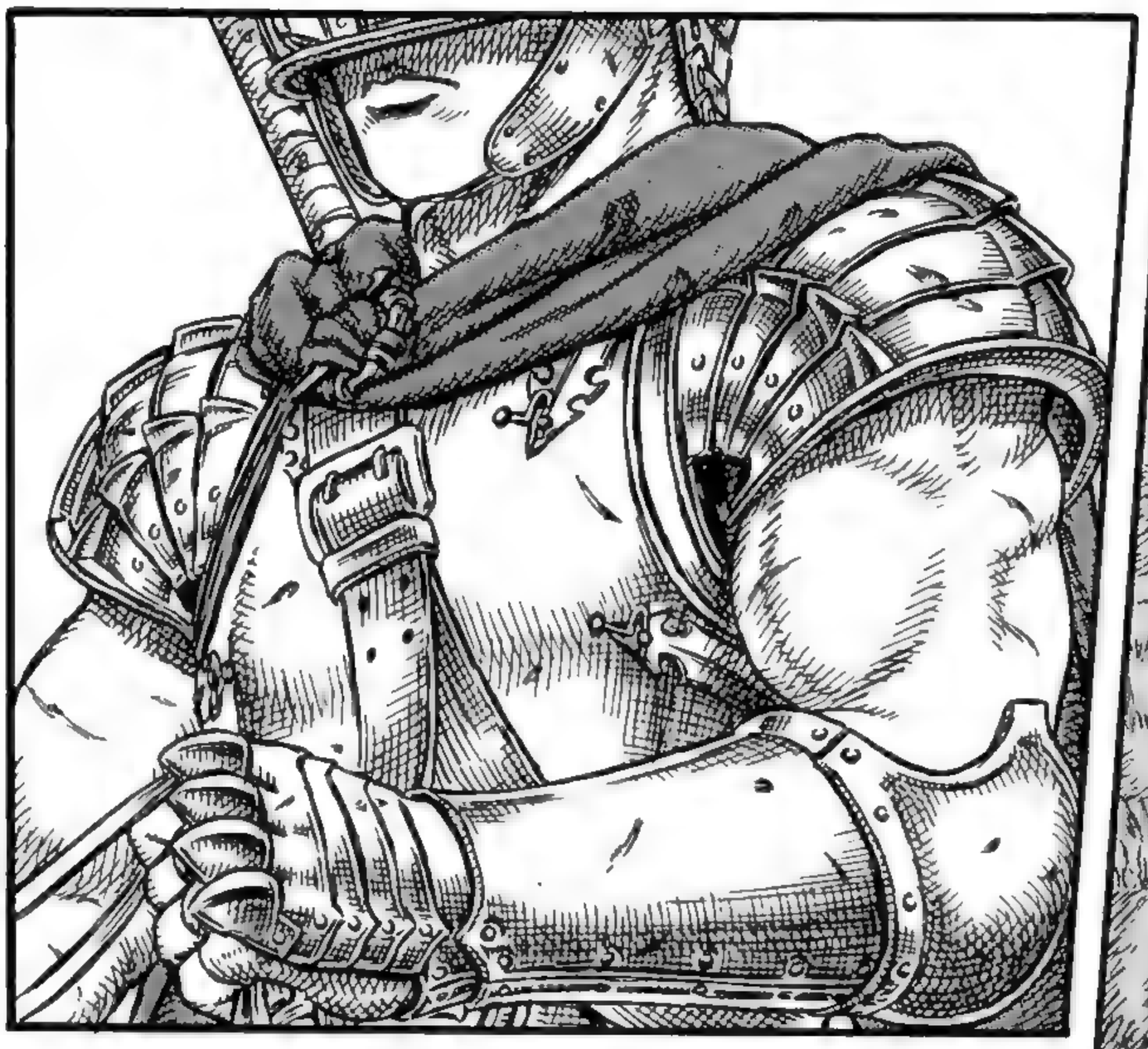
REPORTING, *SIRE!!*

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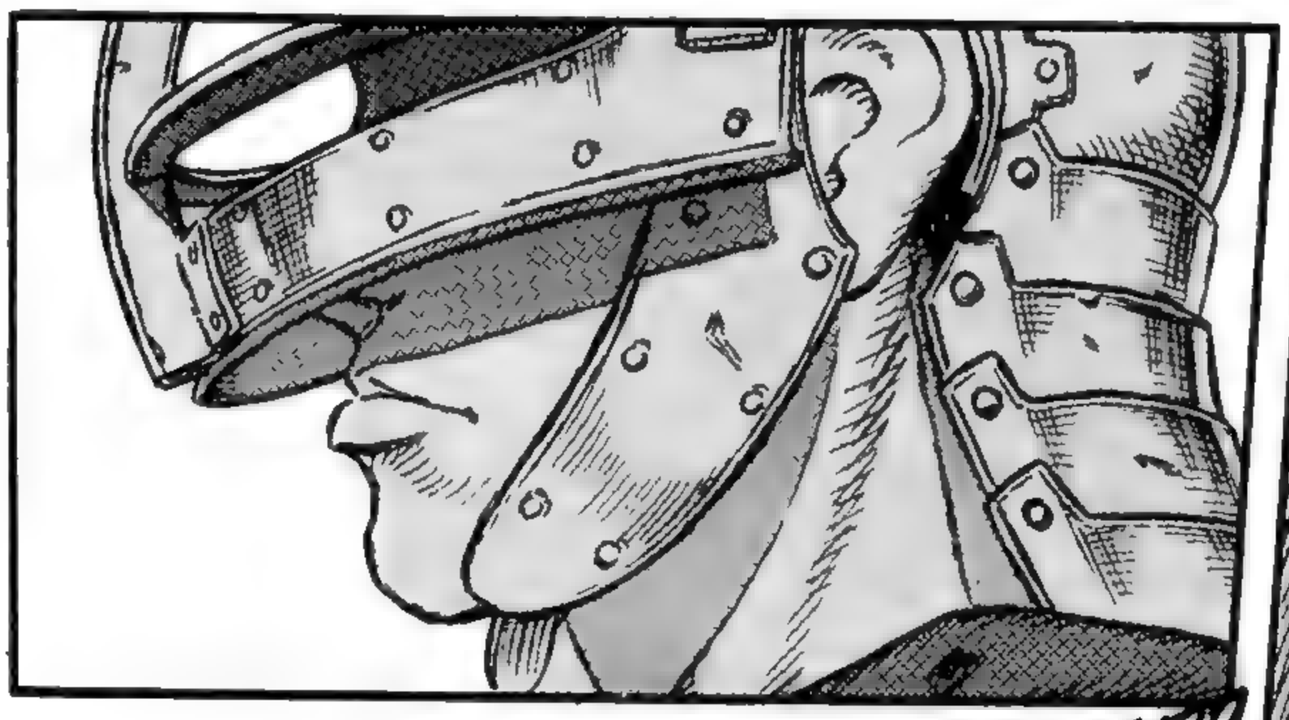
AT THIS RATE EVEN OUR HEADQUARTERS *HERE* MAY BE IN *DANGER...!!*

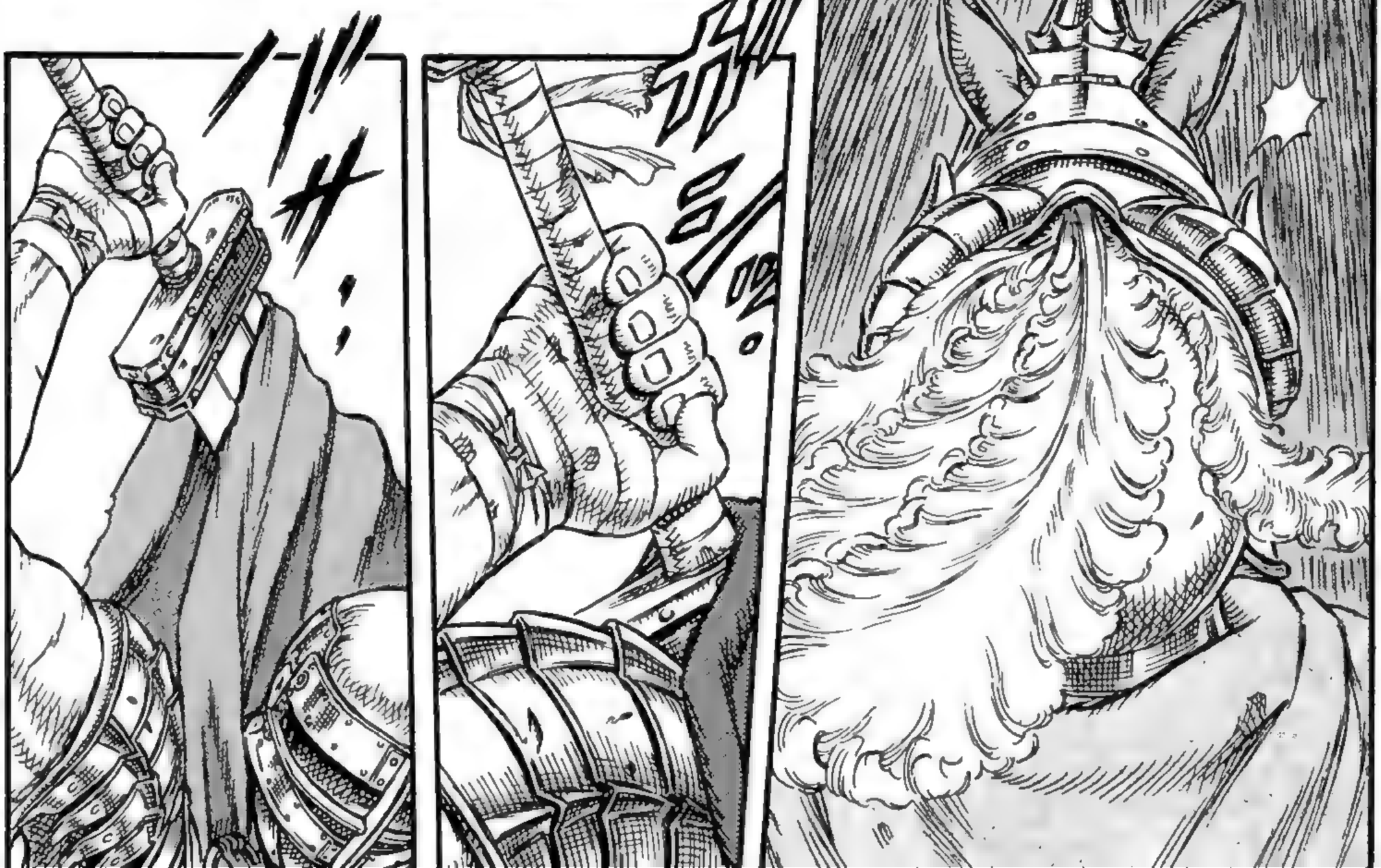
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ONWARD, *ONWARD!!*







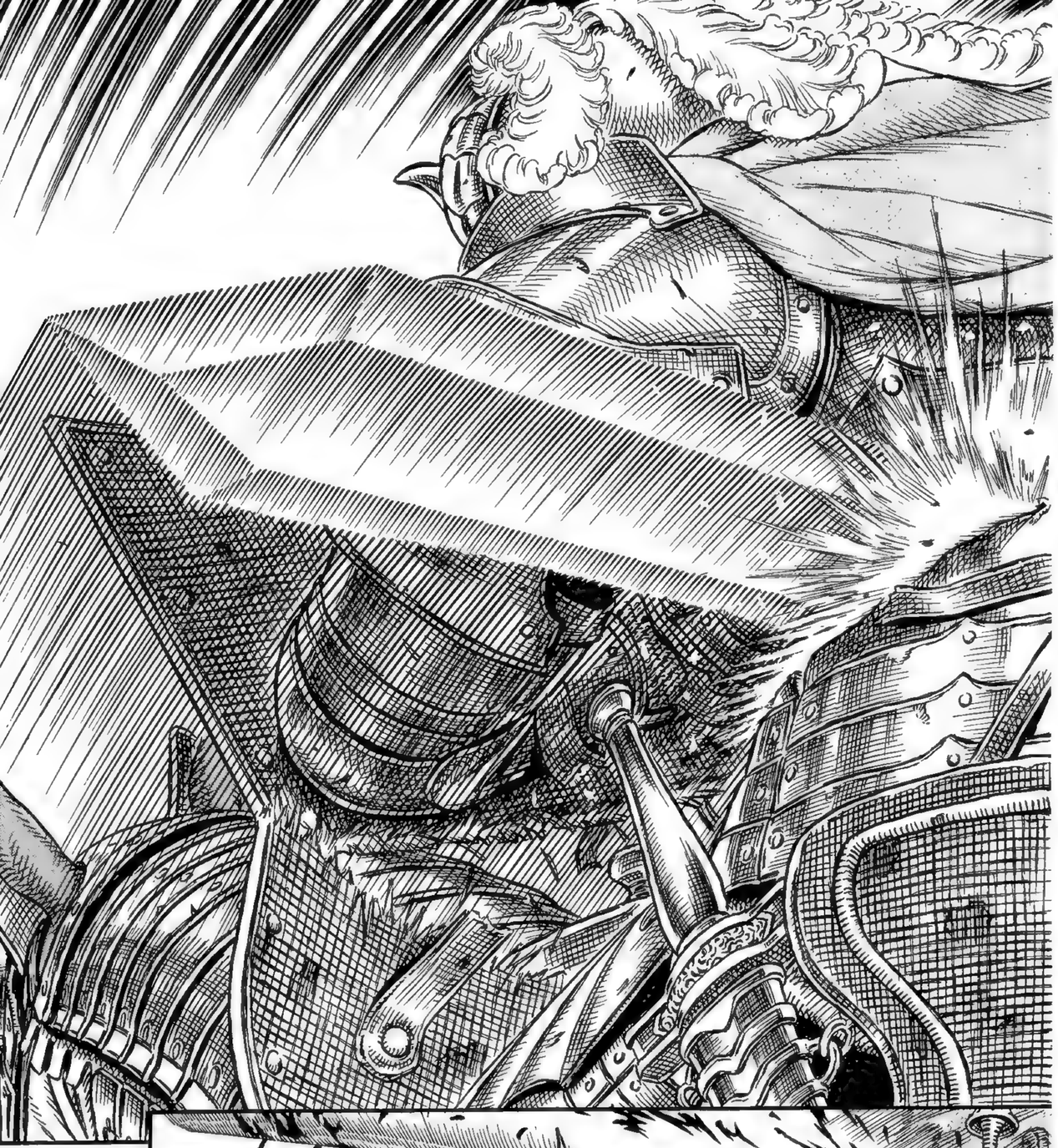


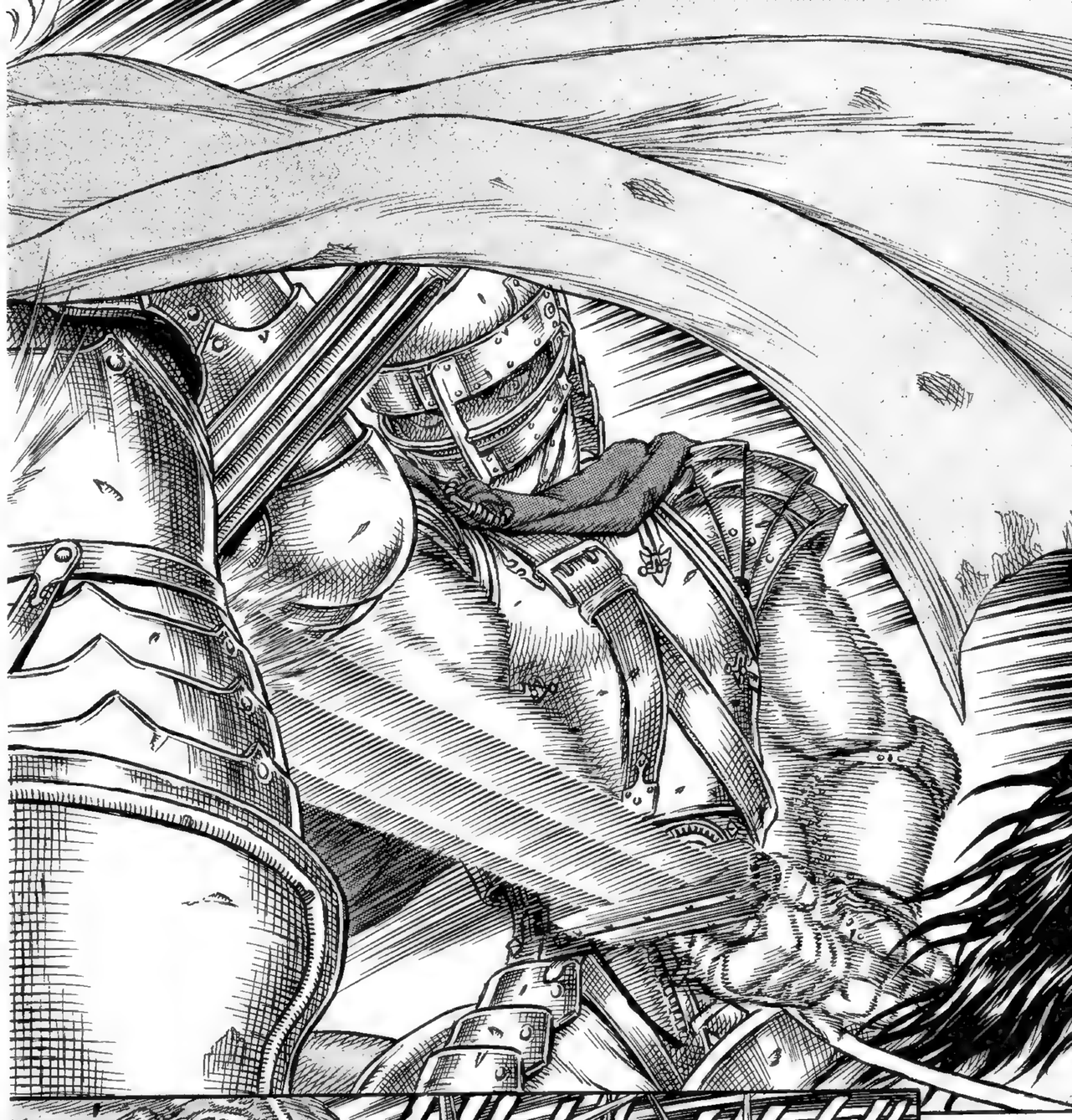


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SO BE IT!! WE'LL MOW YOU DOWN!!

NONSENSE.....!! ONE HORSEMAN AGAINST THE BLACK RAM IRON LANCE HEAVY CAVALRY?!










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HE'S ONLY ONE RIDER!! SURROUND HIM! DON'T LET HIM MOVE!!

D... DON'T BREAK RANK!!

AH...!

THAT'S ...!!

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YOUR MAJESTY!! LOOK...!!

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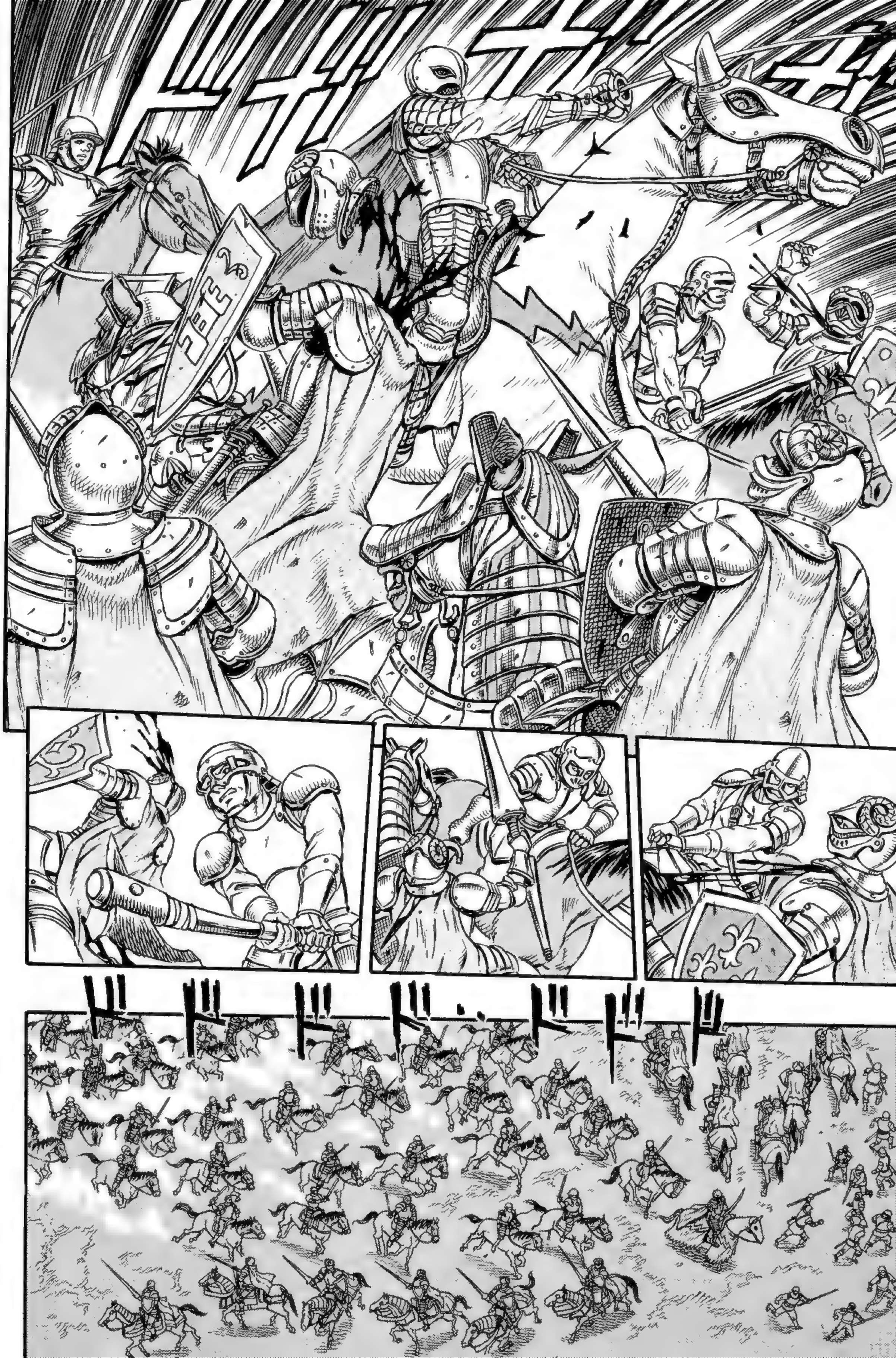
THE BAND OF THE HAWK!!

HELL

THE MERCENARY BAND LED BY THE WHITE HAWK, GRIFFITH...

THE GRIM REAPERS OF THE BATTLE-FIELD!!

HELL



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CAPTAIN GUTS!!

CAP-TAIN!!

I'M STILL SHAKIN' JUST THINKIN' ABOUT IT...!!

THAT WAS SO COOL!!

RIDING OUT THERE ALONE!!

YOU WERE *GREAT*, CAPTAIN!!

YOU'RE THE *STAR* OF THIS *VICTORY!!*

I'M SORRY ABOUT THAT, YOU GUYS.

I WENT AND CHARGED OUT THERE BY MYSELF...

THAT'S OUR BOSS! RIGHT?!

THAT'S THE LEADER OF THE *HAWK'S RAIDERS* FOR YOU, *CAPTAIN GUTS!!*

YEAHHH!!

WHEWW.

WE GET TO BRAG ABOUT OUR COMMANDER TO ALL THE OTHER UNITS!

C'MON, WHAT'S THAT FOR?!

DAMN STRAIGHT!!

TIME TO DRINK UP!! LET'S TOAST HIM!

CAP-TAIN GUTS.

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COULD YOU COME WITH ME FOR A BIT?

CAPTAIN GUTS, SIR?

WE NEED TO TALK.

BIG SIS CASCA... -:MMPH:-.

UNIT COMMAN-DER CASCA!!

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"IT'S PROBABLY ABOUT HOW HE RODE OFF ON HIS OWN EARLIER."

"THOSE TWO ARE FAMOUS FOR BEING AT EACH OTHER'S ***THROATS*** EVER SINCE CAPTAIN GUTS JOINED THE BAND OF THE HAWK THREE YEARS AGO."

YOU GUYS GET STARTED. I'LL BE THERE LATER.

YESSIR ...

THINK THEY'RE GONNA FIGHT AGAIN...?

GOT ME.

WHAT'S *THAT* ABOUT?

WHAT'RE YOU TRYING TO DO?

ABOUT WHAT?

YOUR JOB WAS TO LEAD YOUR UNIT ALONGSIDE MINE TO PROVIDE FLANK SUPPORT AND CONTAINMENT FOR THE MAIN BODY'S CHARGE *INTO* THE *ENEMY!!*

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DON'T PLAY DUMB WITH ME!!

...BUT YOUR SELFISH BEHAVIOR COULD HAVE EXPOSED THE ENTIRE BAND OF THE HAWK TO *DANGER!!*

YOU MIGHT HAVE GOTTEN LUCKY AND DONE WELL...

BUT *YOU*...YOU BROKE AWAY FROM YOUR MEN AND *THEN* CHARGED THE ENEMY HEAD-ON ALONE?! WERE YOU TRYING TO BE A *HERO* OR SOMETHING?!

YOU SHOULD *TRY* REMEM-BERING YOUR *PLACE!!*

THEY'RE JUST *WORDS*...AND THEN YOU DO THE *SAME THING* ALL OVER AGAIN.

...YOU ALWAYS SAY THAT.

SORRY 'BOUT THAT.

I'LL BE CAREFUL FROM NOW ON.

EVER SINCE THAT TIME YOU WENT OFF ON GRIFFITH.....

PRACTICALLY *NOTHING* ABOUT YOU'S CHANGED IN THE PAST THREE YEARS.

YOU DON'T THINK ABOUT YOUR COMRADES *ONE BIT*...

YOU'RE JUST A MAD DOG!!

...YOU'RE *SATISFIED* AS LONG AS YOU JUST GET TO CROSS SWORDS WITH THE ENEMY!!

SAY IT AGAIN .....

SAY THAT ONE MORE TIME!!

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THAT'S ENOUGH, YOU TWO.

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GRIFFITH.

I'LL HAVE A TALK WITH GUTS.

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YOU'RE TOO *SOFT* ON HIM, GRIFFITH.

THAT MUST REALLY *STINK,* CASCA.

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CORK-US.

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LET'S FACE IT, ARGUING WITH HIM JUST MAKES YOU LOOK BAD.

HE'S GRIFFITH'S *FAVORITE,* AFTER ALL.

WHADDA YA SAY? I'M THERE IF YOU EVER WANT TO *OFF HIM.*

SORRY.

...DAM-MIT.

NGAHHH!

-:WHEWW.:-

I THINK ABOUT THEM ...

YOU TWO *REALLY* DON'T GET ALONG.

HERE IT'S BEEN THREE YEARS ALREADY...

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I DO THINK ABOUT MY COMRADES.

I'M NOT... WHO I USED TO BE.

THREE YEARS AGO...*THE DUEL* THAT DECIDED YOU WOULD JOIN THE BAND OF THE HAWK INSTEAD OF WANDERING BATTLE-FIELDS...

I REMEMBER ...

IT WAS HOW FIGHTS *SHOULD* BE.....

...THAT *FIGHT* WAS ENJOYABLE .....

...IS A PART OF MY PLAN.

.....EVEN THAT PART OF YOU...

COME ON, LET'S GO. THE WINE'S ALL ABOUT YOU THIS TIME.

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I'M SORRY...

...ABOUT TODAY'S BATTLE .....

.....GRIFFITH.

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WHAT ON EARTH IS THE KING *THINK-ING...?*

THIS IS *UTTERLY* UNPRECEDENTED. A *COMMONER* ATTAINING THE TITLE OF KNIGHTHOOD .....

BUT THIS LAST BATTLE...THE BAND OF THE HAWK CERTAINLY *DID* DISPLAY MUCH MERIT.....

AND COURT RANKING AT THAT...

BUT IN THE FACE OF THIS, WE CANNOT AFFORD TO REMAIN IDLE. CERTAINLY WE MUST NOT MAKE LIGHT OF THEIR BATTLEFIELD *EXPLOITS.*

IT'S ONLY A *MATTER OF TIME* BEFORE HE MAKES HIS MOVE.....

IN THE NAME OF *GOD* AND THE *SPIRIT,* I BESTOW THE STATUS OF KNIGHT UPON THEE.

SO WHAT OF THIS STUPID BUNCH OF RABBLE...WITHOUT WAR MERCENARIES WOULD BE NOTHING MORE THAN THIEVES.

BE VALIANT...

...WITH ALL DUE COURTESY...

...AS WELL AS FAITHFUL-NESS.

THIS MEANS WE CAN SAY BYE-BYE TO BEING ***WRETCHED MERCENARIES*** AND JOIN THE REGULAR ARMY.

IT AIN'T JUST KNIGHT STATUS. GRIFFITH'S A ***VISCOUNT*** NOW.

...EVEN THE COURT OFFICIALS'LL HAVE ***NO CHOICE*** BUT TO RECOGNIZE OUR POWER.

NOW THAT WE KEEP DISTINGUISH-ING OUR-SELVES IN BATTLE ...

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WE CAN'T GO ON BEING A BACKWOODS ARMY OF ***BUMPKINS*** THE WAY WE HAVE BEEN TILL NOW.

FROM NOW ON, ANY INSUBORDINATION FROM US COULD POSSIBLY CAUSE ***TROUBLE*** FOR GRIFFITH.

IF YOU KNOW ***THAT,*** THEN WATCH YOUR TONGUE, ***CORKUS.***

THIS IS A ***FORMAL*** CEREMONY.

GEEZ, YOU'RE MORE ***STRICT*** THAN MY OLD LADY.

YEAH, YEAH, I UNDERSTAND, COMMANDER CASCA.

WHAT ?!

HEY, ***CEREMONY.***

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HANG ON, WHERE IS HE...?

AGAIN ...?

OH...

BLASTED BUMPKINS...

ONE-NINETY-NINE!

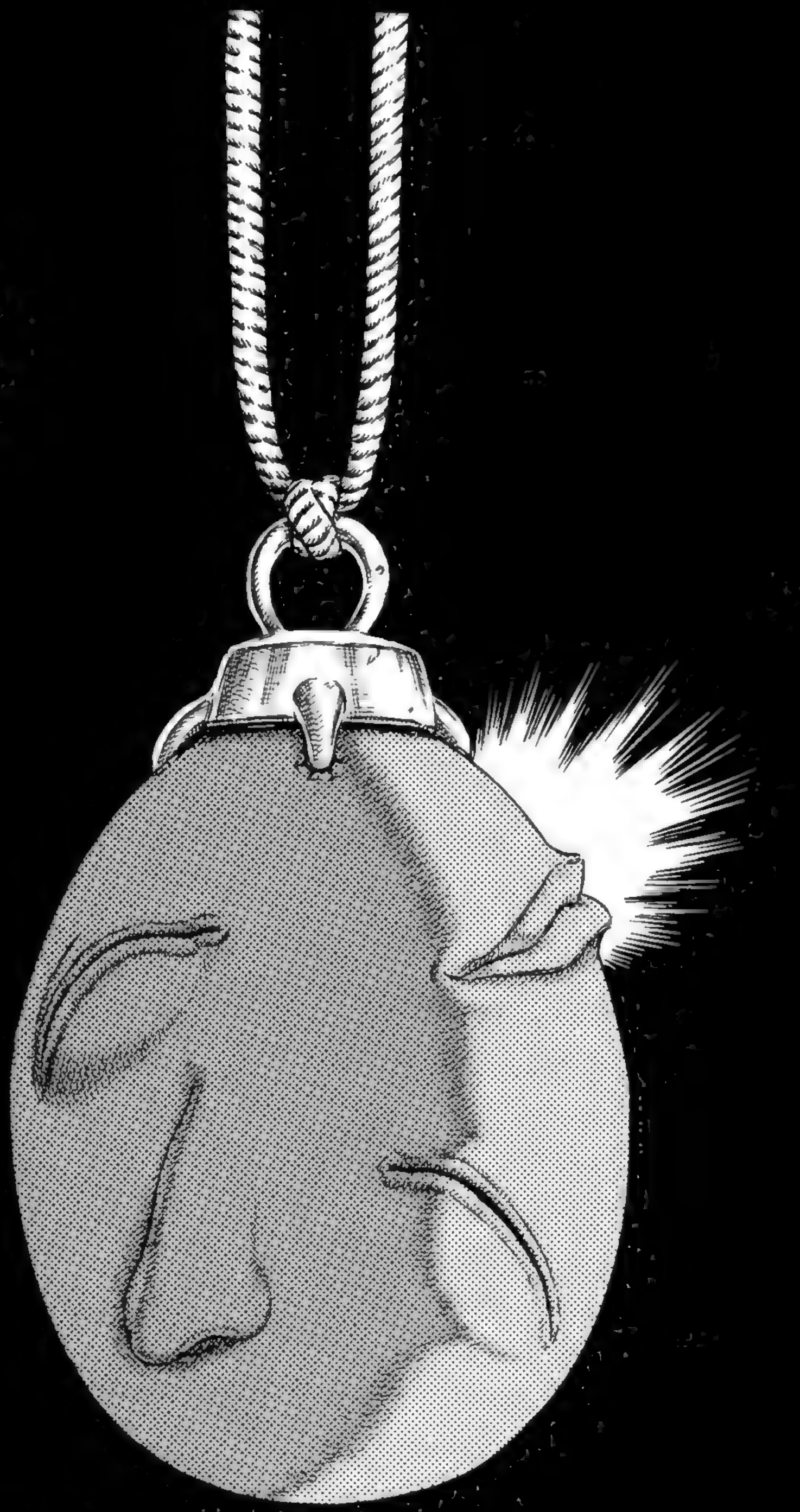
ONE-NINETY-EIGHT!

TWO HUNDRED!



A WIND OF SWORDS END

IT WAS CRIMSON, LIKE A DROP OF BLOOD.



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NOSFERATU ZODD, CHAPTER 1

I BOUGHT THIS FROM AN OLD GYPSY FORTUNE-TELLER AGES AGO.

ALSO CALLED *THE EGG OF THE KING...*

THE *BEHELIT.*

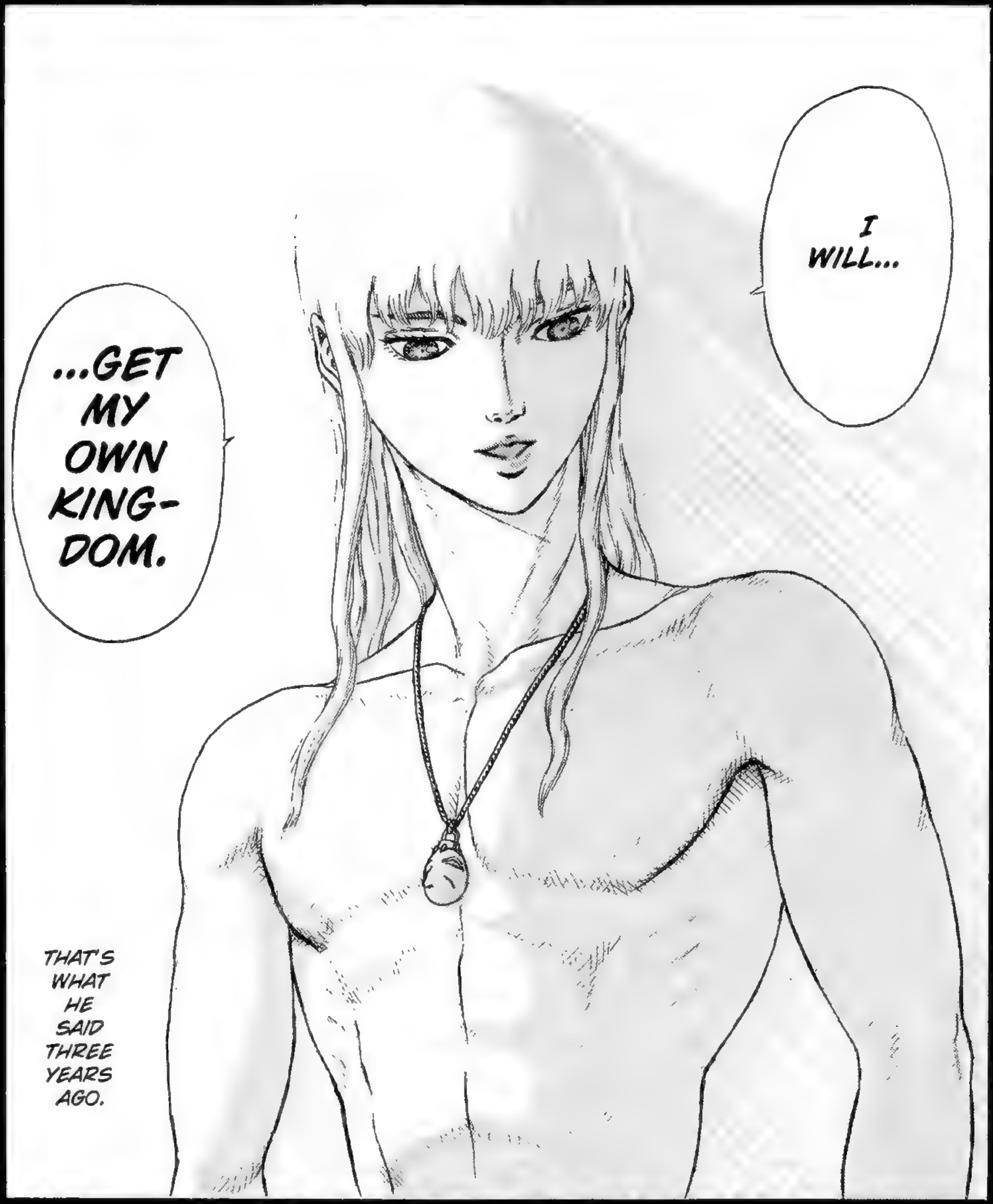
...IS DESTINED TO OBTAIN THE WORLD IN EXCHANGE FOR HIS OWN FLESH AND BLOOD.

YOU SEE, IT'S SAID THAT WHOEVER POSSESSES THIS...

.....THE WORLD...?

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AND THE ENEMY LEADER?

WE SEEM TO HAVE JUST ABOUT FINISHED TAKING THE ENEMY FORTRESS!!

REPORTING!!

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NO, NOT YET..... PRESENTLY ***CAPTAIN GUTS' RAIDERS*** ARE LAYING SIEGE TO THE INNER CITADEL, BUT...

...ONE MAN.

HE'S HOLDING BACK THE BREACH...

...THE ENEMY HAS A *REMARKABLE* SOLDIER...

FEH! THAT'S JUST *PATHETIC!*

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JUST *ONE?*

ZODD... JUDEAU, YOU DON'T MEAN...

ZODD ...

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WHAT?

THAT *NOSFERATU ZODD* HAD BEEN ADDED TO THE ENEMY FORCES...

I CAUGHT WIND OF A STRANGE RUMOR BEFORE THIS BATTLE.

NOSFERATU ZODD!!

BUT... THAT'S NOT THE ONLY REASON WHY ***ZODD*** IS ***FEARED.***

...AMONG MERCENARIES, ***NOSFERATU ZODD*** IS A LEGENDARY SWORDSMAN. THEY SAY HE'S KILLED HUNDREDS, EVEN THOUSANDS ON THE BATTLEFIELD.

YOU DON'T ***KNOW,*** PIPPIN?!

WHO'S THAT?

AND THE ***UNBELIEVABLE*** THING IS...PEOPLE HAVE BEEN TELLING WAR STORIES ABOUT HIM FOR CLOSE TO A HUNDRED ***YEARS!!*** HE'S ***IMMORTAL...*** THAT'S WHY ZODD'S CALLED ***NOSFERATU.***

EVERY TIME A RUMOR GOES AROUND THAT HE'S DEAD, HE ALWAYS SHOWS UP AGAIN IN SOME OTHER BATTLE...

BUT THERE ARE SOME MERCENARIES WHO REVERE ***ZODD*** AS A ***BATTLEFIELD GOD!!***

HEY, HEY, ***HEY!!*** DON'T TELL ME YOU ACTUALLY ***BELIEVE*** THAT FAIRY TALE! C'MON, LITTLE RICKERT.

SOMETHING TELLS ME IF GUTS RAN INTO HIM... HE'D GO CHARGING HEADLONG LIKE A MADMAN...

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THIS CAN'T TURN OUT GOOD .....

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YOU GUYS, HELP ME STOP HIM!!

NO WAY, CAPTAIN!!

STUPID BASTARDS!! LET ME GO, GASTON!!

WE SENT ALMOST FIFTY MEN IN THERE AND NO ONE'S COME OUT...!!

IT'S ALREADY BEEN A WHOLE HOUR, YOU ASS!!

NOW LET GO A'ME!!!

NO WAY CAN I LET YOU GO IN ALONE!!

I CAN'T LET YOU DO IT.....!!

A LITTLE LONGER! LET'S JUST WAIT A LITTLE LONGER!!

...IT'S ONE MAN!

A SINGLE ENEMY'S GOT ALL FIVE HUNDRED OF THE BAND OF THE HAWK'S RAIDERS STUCK LIKE NAILS IN A WALL.....!!

YOU TRY IT AND I'LL KILL YOU!!

THEN WE SHOULD ASK BOSS GRIFFITH FOR REINF--

AGGHHH!

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YOU EVER HEARD OF ANYTHING SO *HUMILIATING*?!!

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.....ZODD.

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HEY... THIS IS *BIG* TROUBLE...

TH... *THAT* RUMOR REALLY *WAS* TRUE...

.....ZODD.

H... HOLD ON... CAPTAIN ...!!

KEEP BACK!!

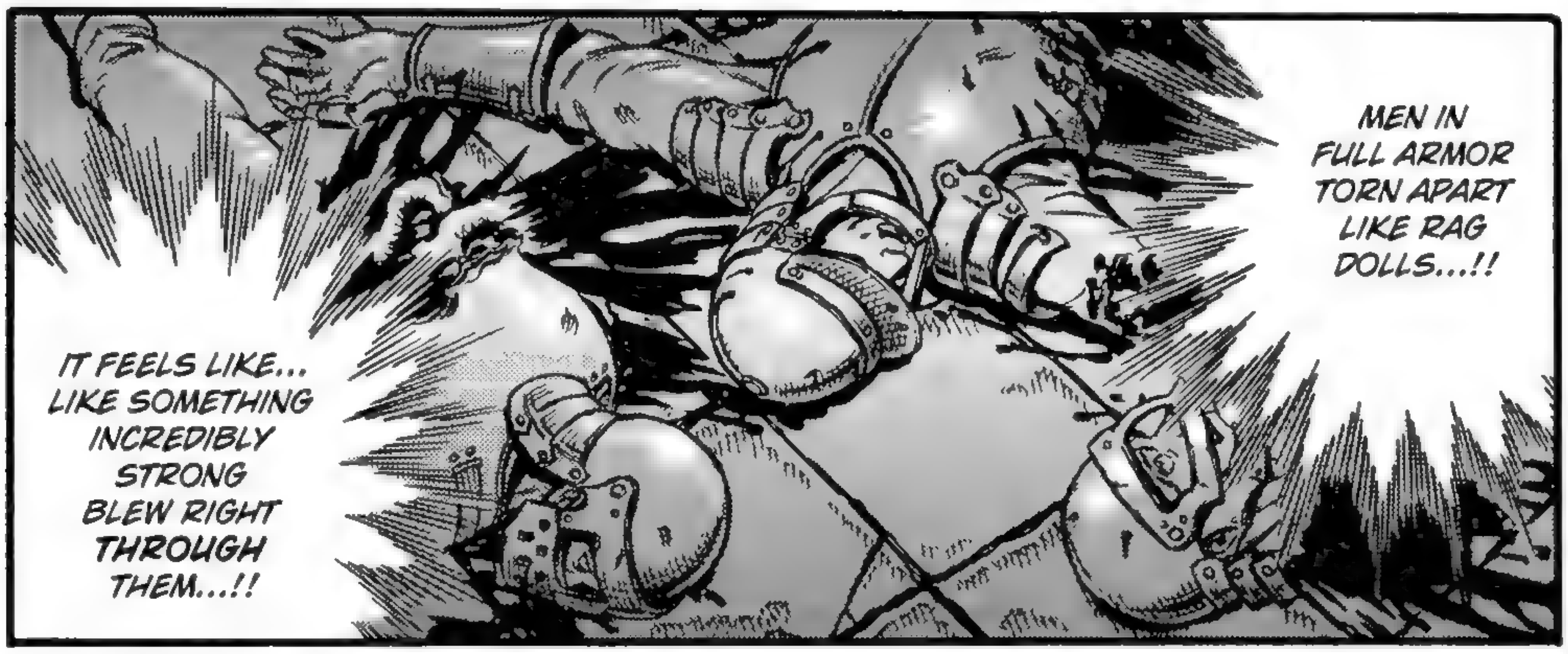
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I'M *KILLIN'* HIM ALONE.

NOBODY COME WITH ME.

CAP-
TAIN
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WHAT'S WITH THESE CORPSES ...?


MEN IN FULL ARMOR TORN APART LIKE RAG DOLLS...!!
IT FEELS LIKE... LIKE SOMETHING INCREDIBLY STRONG BLEW RIGHT THROUGH THEM...!!


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HELP ME!

WHAT THE HELL ...

...IS THIS?!

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NOSFERATU ZODD (1) END

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NOSFERATU ZODD, CHAPTER 2

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WHAT THE HELL...

...IS THIS?!

YOU PARRIED THAT STRIKE WELL, BOY.

WHAT'S THIS ...?!

THIS OVER-POWERING SENSE THAT'S GOT ME TIED UP?!

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WHA...?!



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SUPERB!!

HE'S A MONSTER!

NOT ONE MAN IN FIFTY YEARS HAS BEEN ABLE TO STOP MY SWORD *THIS* LONG!!

HE'S THE STRONGEST!!

IT'S TAKIN' ALL I'VE GOT TO DO IT.....

HE'S STRONGER THAN ANYONE I'VE **EVER** CROSSED SWORDS WITH!! I WAS SPEECHLESS AT HOW GOOD GRIFFITH WAS, BUT **THIS GUY**.....

DAMN!! I CAN'T EVEN GET A SWING IN!!

...IS BEYOND HUMAN!!

HIS POWER...

WHAT DO I DO?

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I CAN'T STAY TOE TO TOE WITH HIM!!

I ONLY PARRIED HIM THANKS TO THIS BROADSWORD... A NORMAL SWORD WOULD'VE BEEN **BUSTED** WITH ONE HIT!!

...ARE EVENLY MATCHED...

SO THE SWORDS ALONE...

SO BEING UNABLE TO KEEP BLOCKING MY SWORD. YOU'RE GOING TO GAMBLE EVERYTHING ON ONE STRIKE.

HO...!

JUST ONE CHANCE!!

I ACCEPT!

INTER-ESTING!!

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BOY!!

HYEW!

NGAHAH!!

GOH...

GOT HIM!!

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WHAT A SURPRISE ...

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...YOU'RE THE FIRST.

...I NEVER THOUGHT YOU'D TRY TO BREAK MY SWORD...

...AFTER BEING PUSHED BACK THAT FAR...

THE FIRST HUMAN EVER TO DRIVE A SWORD THIS DEEP INTO MY BODY...

...IN THESE PAST THREE HUNDRED YEARS OF SLAUGHTER!!

NOSFERATU ZODD (2) END

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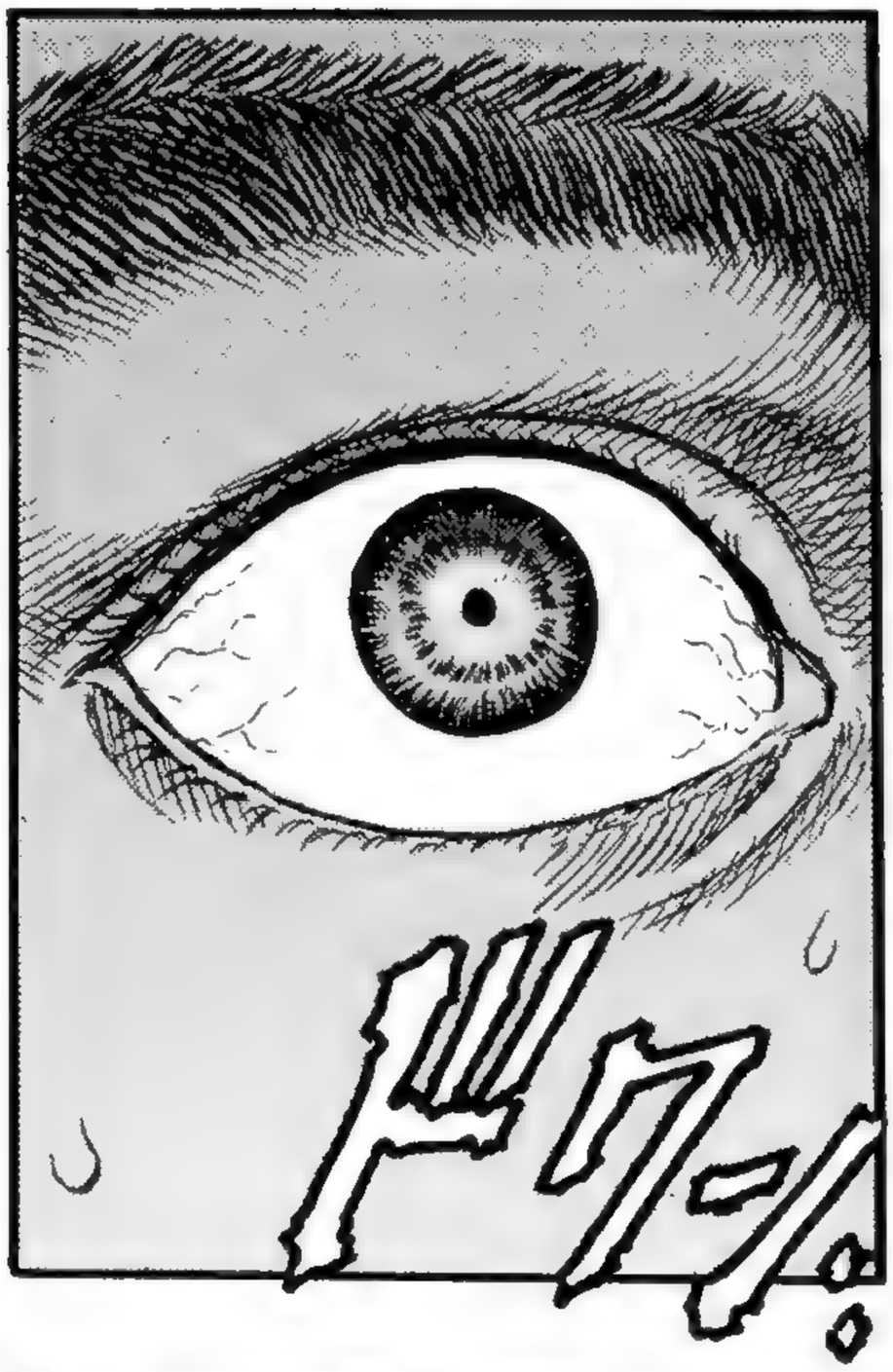
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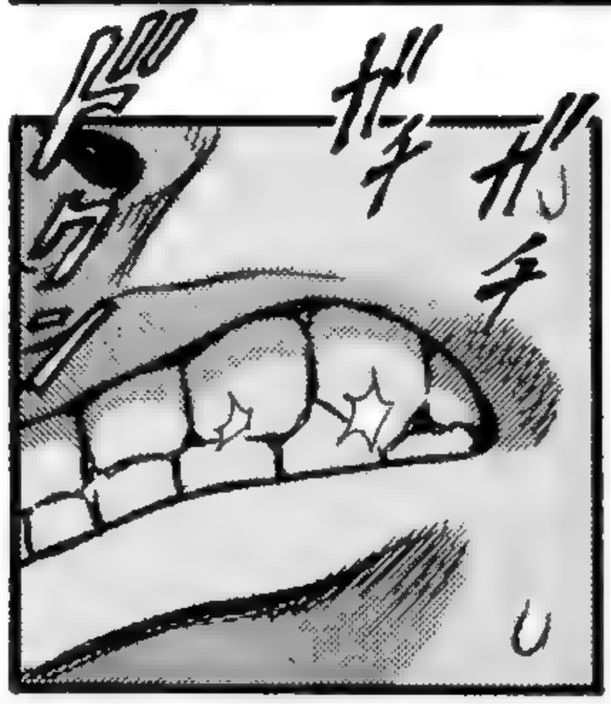
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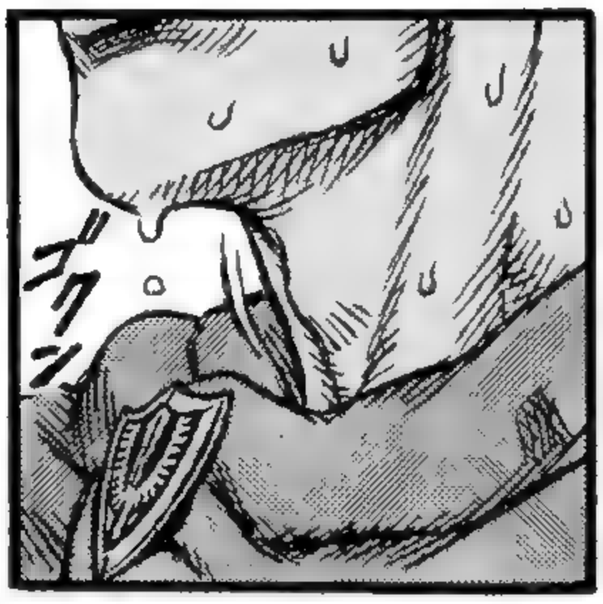


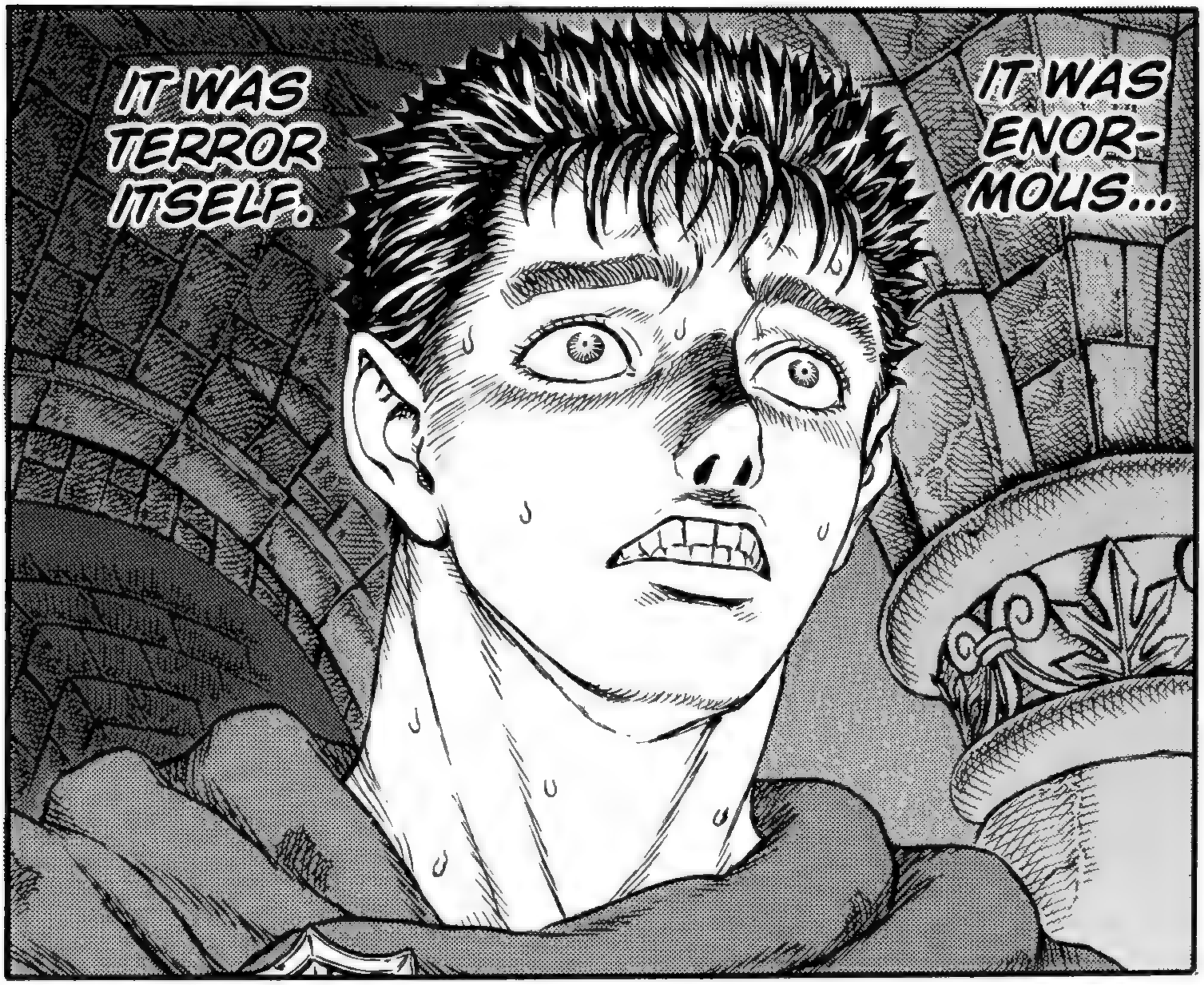



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IT WAS TERROR ITSELF.
IT WAS ENORMOUS...

SO LONG AGO I'D FORGOTTEN... THE FEELING OF BLOOD BOILING...!!

THIS IS *GREAT...!!*

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NOW, FIGHT!!

DON'T DISAPPOINT ME!!

MAYBE *THAT'S* WHY I'VE REMAINED ALIVE THESE THREE HUNDRED YEARS...!!

TO MAKE THIS FEELING MY OWN AGAIN... ON THE CHANCE I MIGHT COME ACROSS AN ENEMY LIKE YOU!!



MONSTERS LIKE THIS CAN'T EXIST!!

THIS CAN'T BE.....

IT CAN'T BE REAL.....

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WHAT'S WRONG?

NO.

GUESS I SHOULD SAY YOU DID WELL FOR A HUMAN...

BUT I *WON'T* SHOW MERCY...!!

IS *THIS* ALL THE POWER YOU'VE GOT?!

WAS THAT *IT?!*

AGGHHH!

IF YOU CAN'T FIGHT...

I'LL TEAR YOU APART!!

FLOP

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IS THIS SOME KINDA *NIGHTMARE* OR SOME-THIN'...?

H...HEY, WHAT THE HELL *IS* THAT...?

GRIFFITH .....

WHAT *IS* THAT?!

IS...IS THAT *NOSFERATU ZODD?* HUH?

HHHH-HEY!!

....!!

DON'T LOSE FOCUS!! SECOND VOLLEY!!

FIRE!!

THIS MUSTN'T BE.

DID... WE *KILL* IT!?

I WON'T *HAVE* THIS...!!

NO ONE MAY *DEFILE* THIS BATTLE.....!!

YEE...

....
..!!

I WON'T HAVE IT!!

HUH HUH HUH HUH HUH

FORGET IT...!!

FALL BACK...

RUUUUN!!

GUUUU




GUGA




HI
WHA... WHAT A MONSTER!!
...IT'S NO USE!! NO HUMAN CAN FIGHT THIS THING!!
AIEE!


...
...


GRIFFITH, WHERE ARE...?!
!
CASCA!! HAVE EVERYONE WITH-DRAW!!





WHY'S... IT GOT TO BE LIKE *THIS?*

GOD-DAMMIT .....

DUMB BASTARD!! WHY'RE YOU HERE?!

HEY, CAN YOU STAND?

WHY?

YOU CAN COMPLAIN *AFTER* WE'VE ESCAPED FROM THAT MONSTER.

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ep.

YOUR HEART'S STILL BEATING.

WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

NOSFERATU ZODD (3) END

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NOSFERATU ZODD, CHAPTER 4



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FIGHT!

FIGHT ME UNTIL YOU'RE TORN TO PIECES...!!

END OF THE ROAD, AH...?!

CRAP ...!!

GRIFFITH!!

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CAN YOU MOVE?!

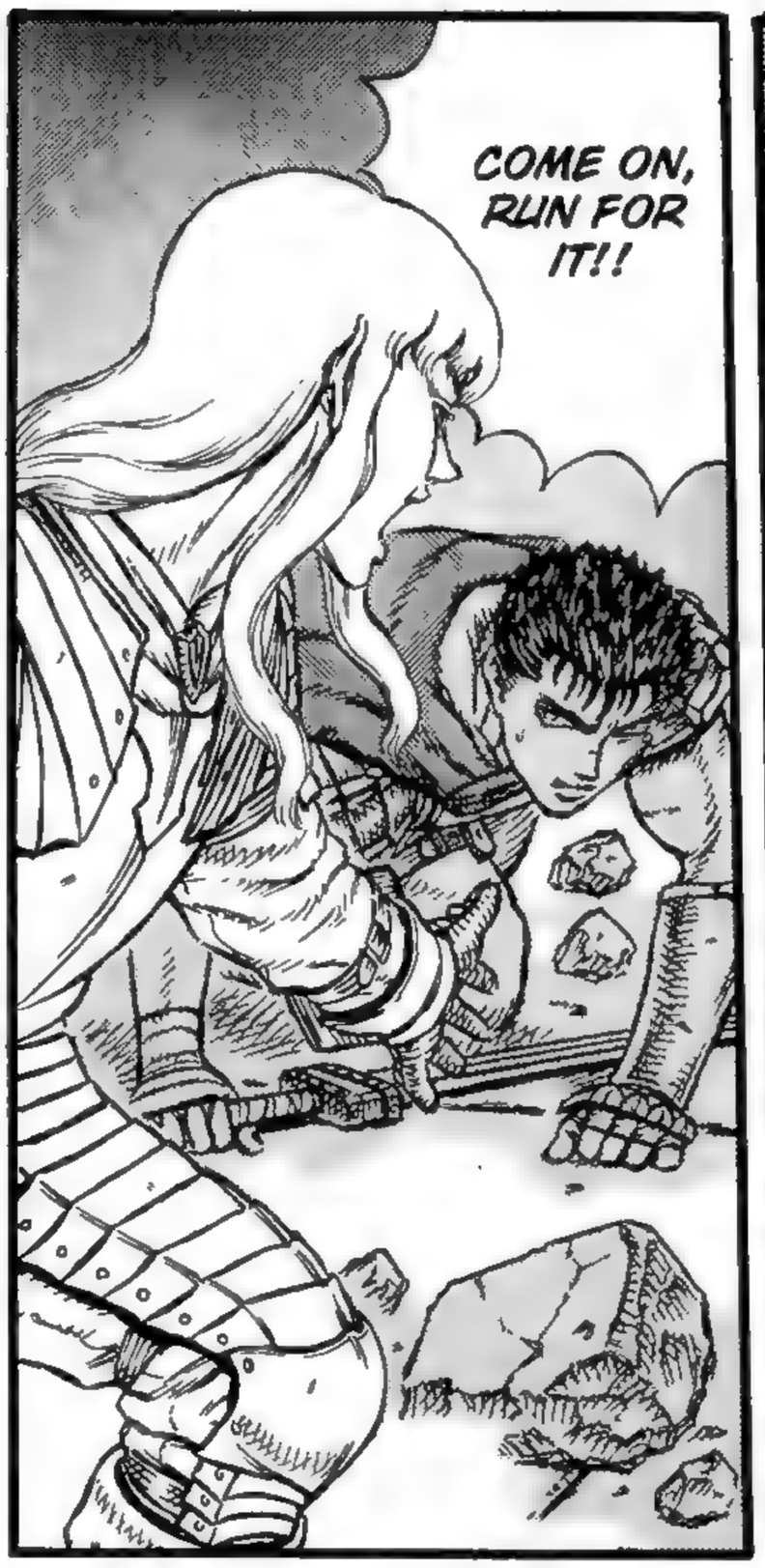
WE'RE *DEAD* IF I DON'T!!

LET'S GO!!

YOU FROM THE LEFT!!

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COME ON, RUN FOR IT!!


OH YEAH ...!!
A... AWE-SOME!!


GRIFFITH, LOOK OUT BEHIND YOU!!
GRIFFITH!


SHIII

!

THAT I'D MEET A HUMAN... *TWO* HUMANS WHO COULD WOUND ME SO...

WHAT A *DAY* TODAY'S BEEN.....

....
..!!

AND THAT BOTH OF THEM...

.....!!

...WOULD BE LOST AT ONCE.....

I'LL START WITH *THIS* MAN.....

IT'S NO USE, CASCA!!

GRIF-FITH!

!!

WHAT'S THIS .....?!

WHA?

THE EGG OF THE KING!?

!

IT... CAN'T BE!!

THE EGG OF THE KING...?!

A CUB LIKE HIM...

...WITH THE CRIMSON BEHELIT ...?!

...THE GODHAND...

KUKUKUK ...

KUK...

...?

.....
.....

KRAAAK!

SO...

IT'S *THAT* KIND OF PLOY.

HUH?

!

WHAT?


OUR BATTLE IS ON HOLD FOR NOW, BOY.
BUT.....I WONDER IF I'LL *EVER* MEET UP WITH YOU AGAIN...?
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.....!!


THEN TAKE HEED...
WHEN HIS AMBITION COLLAPSES
.....


HERE'S A WORD OF WARNING... NO, A *PROPHECY.*
IF YOU CAN BE SAID TO BE A *TRUE FRIEND* OF THIS MAN...

A DEATH YOU CAN NEVER ESCAPE!!

DEATH WILL PAY YOU A VISIT!!



WHAT'S THAT?

A DEMON?

YOU MEAN... I'M GOING TO DIE...?

DEATH?

GRIFFITH ……!!

HANG ON……!!

GRIF-FITH!!

!

FORGET THAT, HOW'S *GRIFFITH…?*

DON'T YOU *TOUCH* GRIFFITH…

YEAH… GUESS SO.

YOU OKAY, CAPTAIN?

YOU'RE LUCKY TO BE *ALIVE…*

!

...IF IT WEREN'T FOR YOU!!!

THIS *NEVER* WOULD HAVE HAPPENED TO GRIFFITH...

IT'S *YOUR* FAULT...

NOSFERATU ZODD (4) END

DEATH WILL PAY YOU A VISIT!!

A DEATH YOU CAN NEVER ESCAPE!!!

MASTER OF THE SWORD, CHAPTER 1

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A DEATH
YOU CAN
NEVER
ESCAPE!!!

WINDHAM CASTLE, ROYAL CAPITAL OF MIDLAND.

DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE BAND OF THE HAWK?

YES...YOU MEAN ABOUT GRIFFITH'S GRAVE INJURIES IN THEIR RECENT BATTLE...

BESIDES, THEY WERE EVENTUALLY SUCCESSFUL IN SUBDUING THE STRONG-HOLD.

EVEN IF HE WAS WOUNDED, YOU CANNOT CALL *THAT* A BLUNDER.

THE SOLDIERS WERE SAYING...THAT SOME GIANT, FELL BEAST APPEARED IN A *CHUDER* STRONGHOLD.....

JUST A FALSEHOOD! IT'S TO CONCEAL THEIR OWN BLUNDER.

A SIMPLE BUT EFFECTIVE *CHILD'S TRICK!*

BUT IT SEEMS IT WAS NOT JUST ONE OR TWO WHO WITNESSED IT.

SPECIAL THANKS TO YAGO

ARGGGH, IT'S SO VEXING...

THIS WILL BE ANOTHER STEP IN THE SUCCESSIVE RISE OF HIS MERIT...

!

THAT LAST BATTLE WAS QUITE THE *CALAMITY.* A *BEAST* APPEARING ON THE BATTLEFIELD, *EH?*

DID YOU RECEIVE THOSE WOUNDS AT THE *HANDS* OF SAID BEAST?

AHH?

CLEAR THE WAY, YOU CHURL!

OHO ...

THAT IS THE CAPTAIN OF THE HAWK'S RAIDERS.....

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OHH!

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PERHAPS IN THE DARKNESS YOU MISTOOK SOME *MUTT* FOR A *MONSTER*?!

HOW... DARE YOU...!!

HOH!

OHH!

THE PAIN'S MADE ME DIZZY.

SORRY.

FACE MY SWORD .....!!

Y... YOU *BAS-TARD*!!

SCARY ...

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……!!

GUTS.!

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.....

WHAT'RE YOU ALL DOIN' HERE?

SHOULD YOU BE WALKING YET?

IT'S YOUR FAULT!!

DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.

.....
.....

CASCA GOT AS WORKED UP AS THE REST OF US, AND SHE BLURTED THAT OUT.

DON'T SWEAT IT.

EVERYONE KNOWS THAT WASN'T YOUR FAULT.

.....
.....

BUT THERE'S A LINE...

WE'RE ALL HERE TO PAY *GRIFFITH* A VISIT...

SO? WHAT'S EVERYONE DOING?

WHO'RE THEY?

...DIGNITARIES FROM THE ROYAL COURT.

OH, OFFICIALS, BISHOPS ...

"THESE DAYS GRIFFITH'S ALL WINS AND NO LOSSES. IN FACT, HE'S HEAD OF THE MIGHTIEST ARMED FORCE IN MIDLAND..."

"WELL, GUESS IT'S ONLY NATURAL."

"THERE ARE STATESMEN WHO SEE GRIFFITH AS JUST AN ANNOYING, UPSTART COMMONER..."

"THE WORLD'S AS KIND AS IT IS CRUEL, Y'KNOW?"

"BUT THERE ARE ALSO SOME LIKE THEM WHO THINK IF THEY STAKE A CLAIM ON HIM NOW, IT'LL PAY OFF DOWN THE ROAD."

"ALL RIGHT?" ...HUH?

ALL RIGHT ...

.....HMMMM.

WEREN'T YOU *LISTENING* JUST NOW?!

HEY!!

SO WHAT?

I WAS LISTENING.

I'M SAYING YOU NEED TO WAIT HERE UNTIL THE DIGNIT-ARIES HAVE FINISHED THEIR AUDIENCE!!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN, *"SO WHAT?!"*

.....

.....SO WHAT?

IT'S JUST DROPPIN' IN ON A WOUNDED MAN! WHO GIVES A *DAMN* ABOUT SOCIAL STATUS?!

WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES IT MAKE?

YOU SHALL *NOT* PASS! PLEASE WAIT UNTIL THE DIGNITARIES ARE *FINISHED!*

I'M GOIN'. *OUTTA THE WAY!*

GUTS .....!!

!

WAHHH!

KNAVE!!

...GIMME A BREAK.

...RIGHT.

GUTS!!

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WAHHH!
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HO BOY.
THAT *DUMB-ASS!*
WANT TO *COME,* RICKERT?
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SORRY.
HEH!

...!

YO, GRIFF...

YOU WANT MORE...?

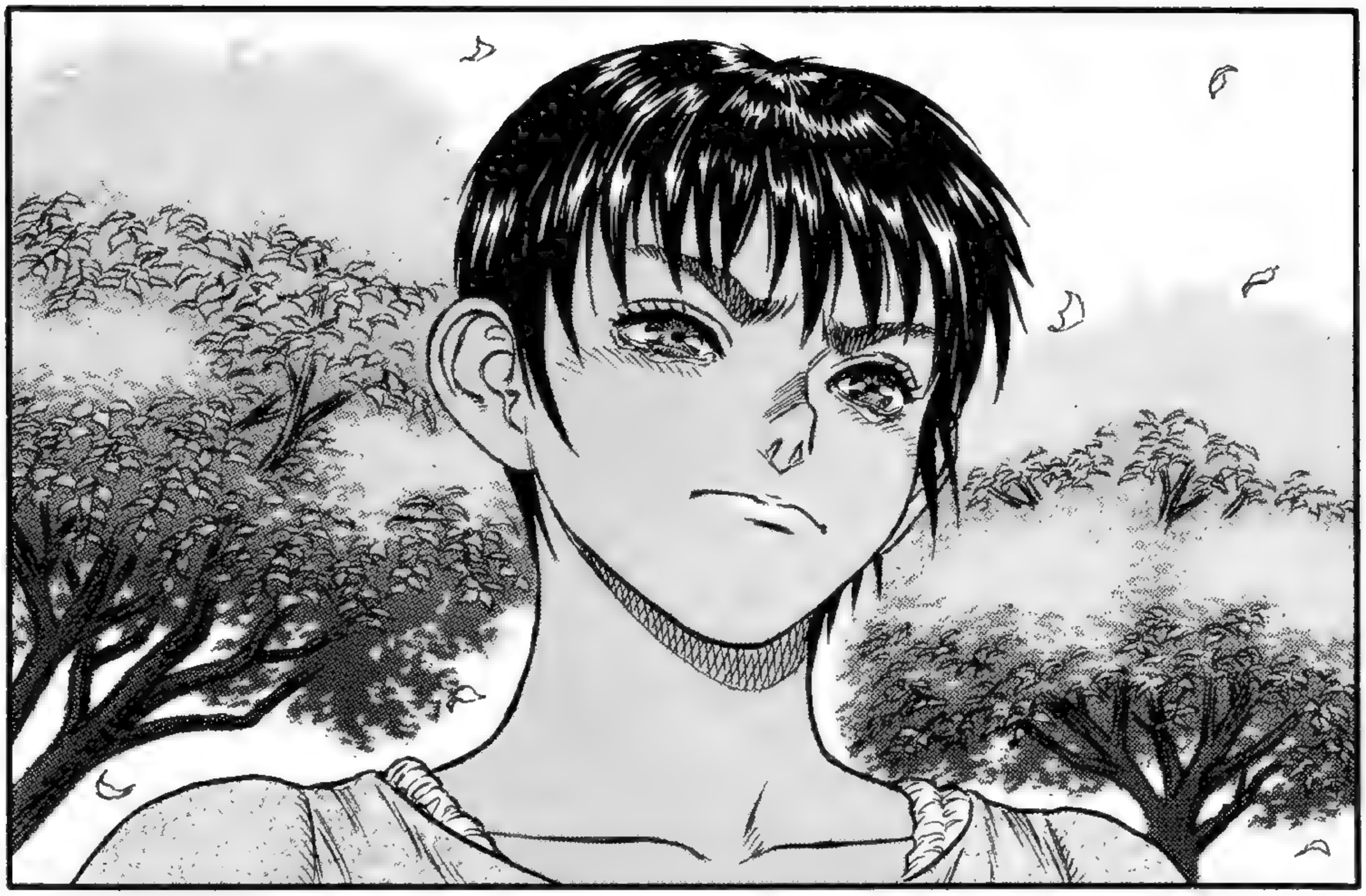
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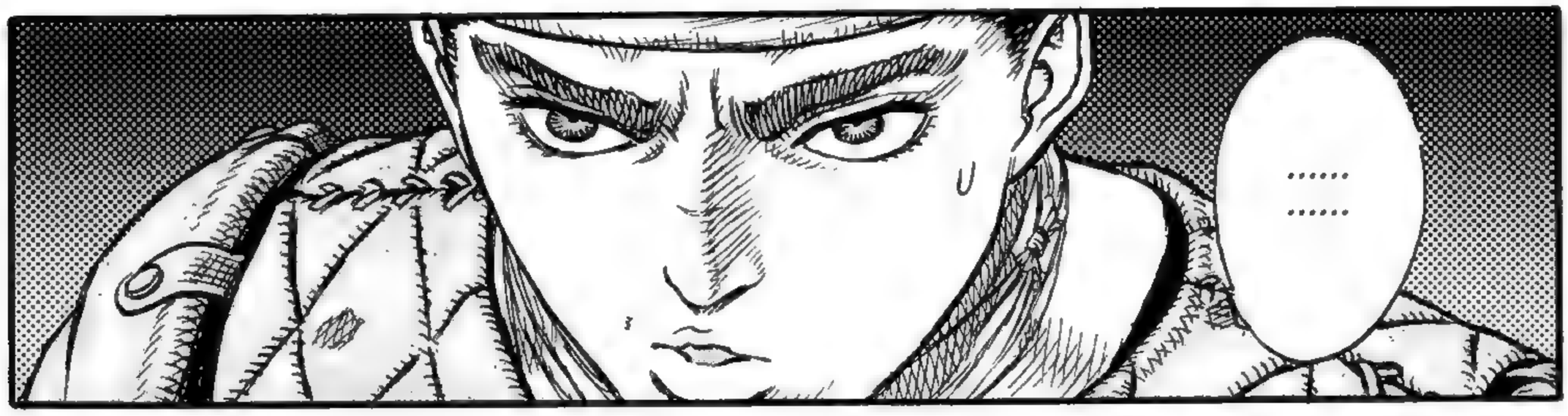
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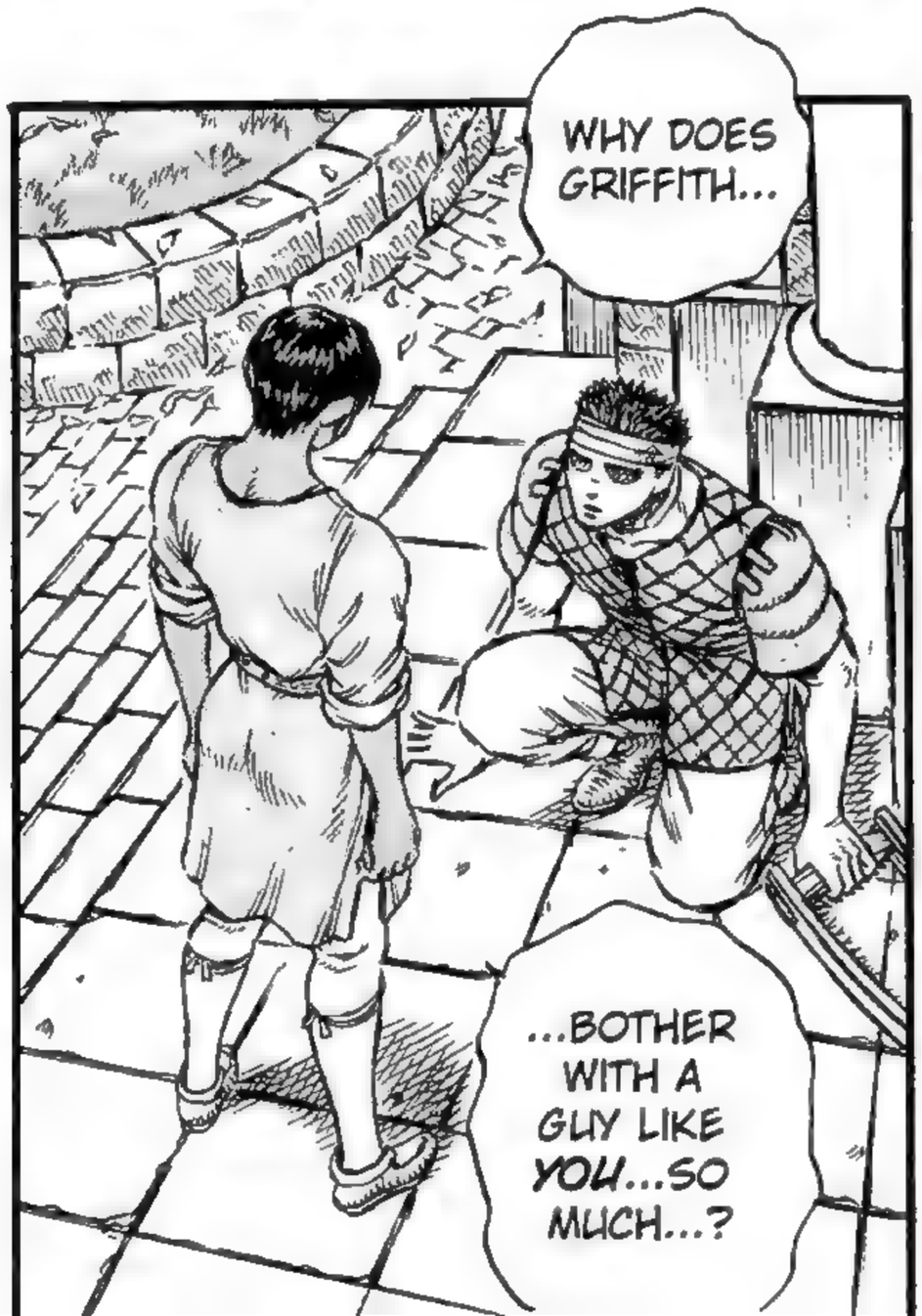
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AH!
YOU CRAZY BITCH...!!
...THE HELL?!
...AGHH.




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WHY DOES GRIFFITH...
...BOTHER WITH A GUY LIKE YOU...SO MUCH...?


WHY DO YOU ALWAYS HAVE TO BE THIS WAY?
...WHY?

CH!

I'M THE ONE WHO SHOULD BE CRYIN'.

WHAT'S THAT ABOUT?

THAT AIN'T NO WOMAN'S PUNCH.

OH, OWWW.

...HEY, GUTS?

FORGET IT, I'LL JUST COME BACK!

.....

.....

...HAS BEEN KIND OF HARD TO APPROACH, I GUESS...

LATELY, GRIFFITH...

I KIND OF KNOW... ...STILL.

HOW GUTS *FEELS*...

.....

...HE'S DRIFTED AWAY FROM US SOME...

IT'S LIKE ...

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YOU DON'T THINK ABOUT YOUR COMRADES ONE BIT..... YOU'RE JUST A **MAD DOG!!**

YOU'RE **SATISFIED** AS LONG AS YOU JUST GET TO CROSS SWORDS WITH THE ENEMY!!

...HAVE TO BE THIS WAY.....?

WHY DO YOU ALWAYS ...

IT'S YOUR FAULT!!!

WHAT'S THAT BITCH'S PROBLEM .....?!

DAMMIT!

GRIFFITH.

!

DON'T GET ANGRY.

.....

I HEARD YOU CAME TO SEE ME WITH EVERYONE ELSE...

SORRY ABOUT YESTER-DAY.

EVEN THOUGH YOU WERE WOUNDED ***SO MUCH WORSE*** THAN I.....YOU REALLY ARE ***TOUGH.***

YOU CAN SWING A SWORD ALREADY?

IT'S ENOUGH TO MAKE ME ***SICK.***

...THOSE OFFICIALS ALL THINK THEY CAN GAIN FAVOR BY APPEARING TO CARE FOR A WOUNDED MAN DAY AFTER DAY...

IT'S ABSOLUTELY *NECESSARY* IN ORDER TO GAIN STATUS IN THIS KINGDOM.

BUT.....

OH WELL, IT *CAN'T* BE HELPED.

.....
.....

!

IT FELT LIKE I WAS HAVING A *NIGHT-MARE.*

WHO'D HAVE THOUGHT THAT A MONSTER THAT *FANTASTIC* EXISTS...

NOSFE-RATU ...

... *ZODD.*

HHH AAA...

BUT IF YOU LOOK AT IT A DIFFERENT WAY, IT MIGHT BE PROOF THAT THERE'S SOME HUGE ***SOMETHING*** BEYOND HUMAN UNDERSTANDING IN THIS WORLD.

FOR INSTANCE ...

...WHAT'RE CALLED ***GODS.***

OR SOME-THING...

...

DEVILS?

DON'TCHA MEAN...

BY THE WAY, HOW'D I MAKE IT OUT OF THAT? I MEAN, I PASSED OUT PARTWAY THROUGH ...

.....

FOR SOME ***REASON,*** HE FLEW OFF WHEN HE SAW THAT.

THAT ***THING*** YOU WEAR AROUND YOUR NECK.

AREN'T THEY THE ***SAME THING?***

.....

WHO KNOWS?

THE BEHELIT .....

HM...

THEN TAKE HEED... WHEN HIS AMBITION COLLAPSES...

IF YOU CAN BE SAID TO BE A *TRUE FRIEND* OF THIS MAN...

...*DEATH* WILL PAY YOU A VISIT!! A DEATH YOU CAN *NEVER* ESCAPE!!

ZODD KNEW WHAT THAT THING WAS...

.....

I'LL HAVE TO GO THANK THE OLD GYPSY WOMAN.

LOOKS LIKE THIS THING *EVEN* PROTECTS AGAINST EVIL SPIRITS.

...WHY IS IT?

THAT'S ...

... ANOTHER ONE I *OWE* YOU.

THREE YEARS AGO YOU SAID "*I CAN'T LOSE SUCH AN EXCELLENT SOLDIER.*"

THAT'S A *HOTHEADED* THING FOR A CALM, COMPOSED GUY LIKE YOU TO DO.

BUT TO PUT YOUR LIFE ON THE LINE FOR *JUST* ONE SOLDIER.

SO WHY?

THERE'S NO REASON...

...AT ALL...

...MY, A DISCUSSION FROM THREE YEARS AGO... YOU SURE CAN BE PICKY.

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DO I NEED A REASON EACH TIME...

TELL ME...

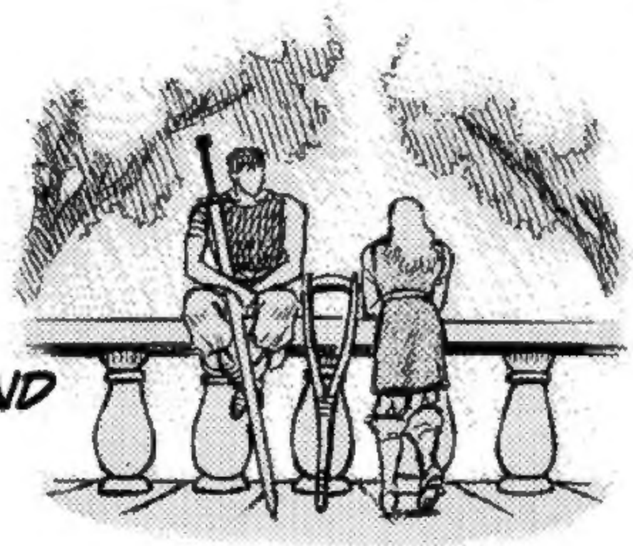
DO I *NEED* ONE ...?

...I PUT MYSELF IN HARM'S WAY...

A *REASON* ...?

...FOR YOUR SAKE...?

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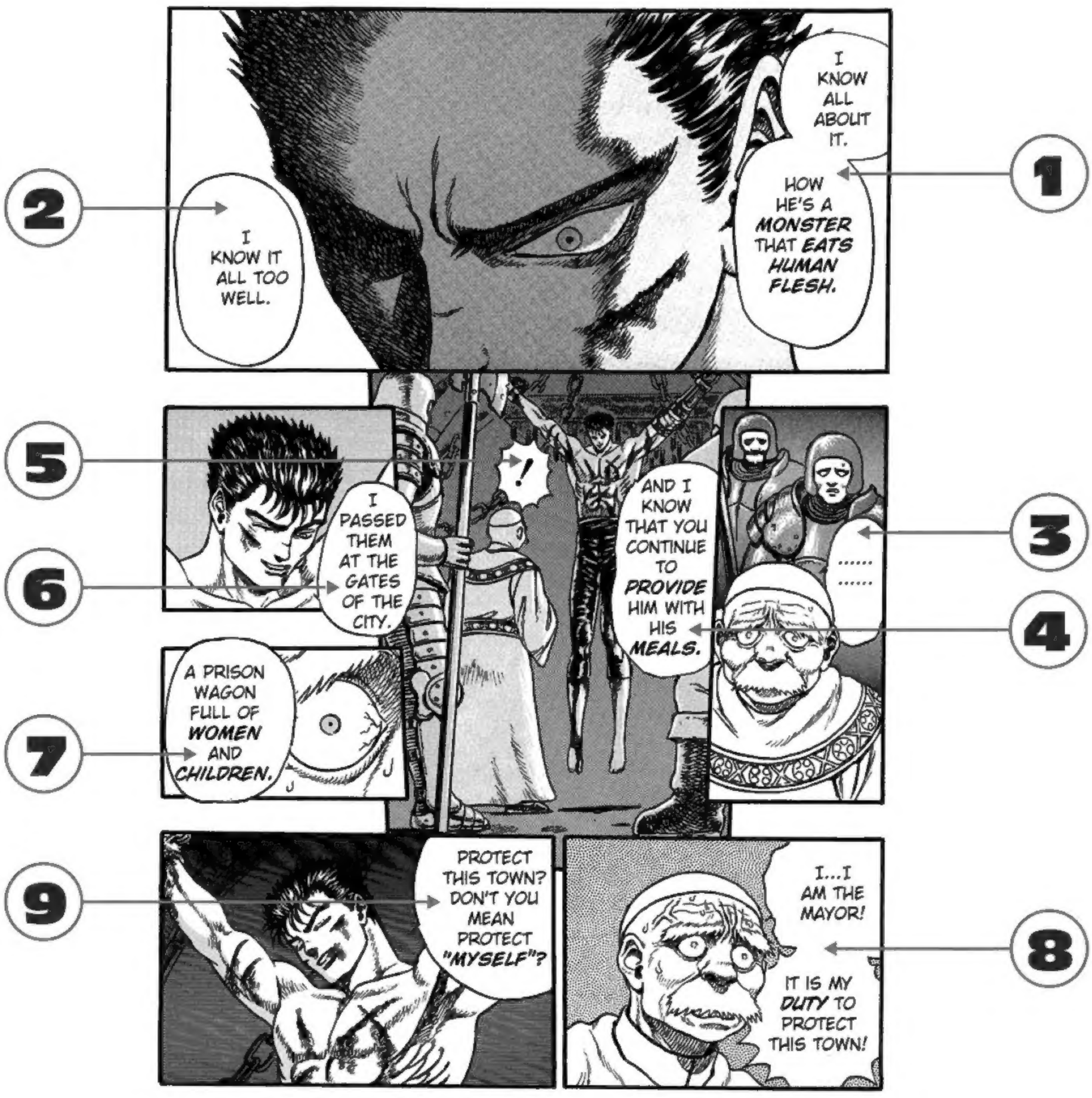
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He is Guts, the Black Swordsman, a warrior of legendary prowess. Relentless, fearless, merciless. As cold and brutal as the iron of the massive sword he wields and bent on revenge against the unholy forces that have branded him for sacrifice, especially Griffith, one of the demon lords of the Godhand. But Griffith was once a man, once the leader of the Band of the Hawk, a renowned cadre of elite fighters with a young Guts as its fiercest champion. Though forged in a crucible of cruelty and violence, nothing could prepare Guts for a confrontation with Nosferatu Zodd, a superhuman beast who slaughters Guts' comrades as easily as a scythe cuts wheat. Even Guts and Griffith are no match for the abomination's power . . . but something Griffith wears around his neck may well be!

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